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Approximately 3,500 delegates participated in sessions of the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Chicago, Illinois, July 5-8.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary

UPEC

In these days of alphabetizing our language, UPEC has come to have real meaning for me. In full it means UNIAO PORTUGUESA DE ESFORCO CRISTAO. To us who are limited to only the English language it means the Portuguese Union of Christian Endeavor. I saw it in action during my recent Around-the-World trip, and I liked what I saw; I was impressed and inspired by what I saw in just a few days in that beautiful country of Portugal.

From the instant I landed at the Lisbon International Airport until the moment I stepped aboard my plane at the modest but efficient and adequate airport in Oporto, far to the north, I enjoyed a most wonderful period of rich, Christian fellowship. My hosts were the Reverend Agostinho F. Arbiol, president of UPEC; Reverend Ireneu Cunha, vice-president of UPEC; Lopes Pires, general secretary of UPEC; and Varela de Silva, owner of a "Christian Endeavor" car, a little Dauphine. The "consecration" of that car was taxed mightily too, for the five of us, no very dwarflike figures, along with all our baggage, were stuffed into the small space provided by this little vehicle. It made for a wonderfully "close" fellowship.

These men, all from Oporto in the north, drove the more than two hundred miles down to meet me and to bring me back to their home city where I was to share with four hundred ardent Christian Endeavor enthusiasts at a second anniversary celebration of the founding of the Portuguese Union of Christian Endeavor. Enterprising men that they are, on the way south to Lisbon they had a very profitable meeting in Vila Franca de Zira, a town on the banks of the River Tagus. Out of that meeting will doubtless come a new Christian Endeavor society.

While in Lisbon, prior to our long and interesting journey to Oporto, we visited the Presbyterian Seminary, a project of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., doing a magnificent work training native pastors, many of them from Angola. We visited too the Episcopalian Saint Paul's Church (ex-convent of Marianos and now known as an Evangelical Cathedral) and the Royal Palace in Sintra, now a national monument and quite like the pages out of a story book. We spent the night in a delightful Portuguese inn, eating the typical food and visiting the central square for an evening walk, a beautiful tradition with the people of these small towns and villages. As we neared Oporto we stopped briefly to visit the grounds of the beautiful Lusitanian Saint John the Evangelist Church, and stood on the hill overlooking Oporto and its famous iron bridge.

The Second Anniversary Rally was one of the finest demonstrations of Christian Endeavor in action that I have seen. Held on a night when the rains descended in torrents, our faith was too small, for we were certain the attendance would be decimated. Quite to the contrary, the auditorium of the downtown Y.M.C.A. was crowded with four hundred Christian Endeavorers from many churches. And such singing as they did! In response to the Roll Call each society sang a hymn. The Reverend Albert Aspey, from England, and conference superintendent, kept the twenty-seven item program moving, and we adjourned at fifteen minutes before midnight, quite as they had scheduled it. I was to learn that this midnight hour is a tradition in Christian Endeavor gatherings there, too.

Always I shall cherish the gift given me by these Portuguese Christian Endeavor friends. It is a beautiful UPEC emblem mounted on a silver medalion and strung on an attractive neck ribbon woven in UPEC colors. The World's Christian Endeavor Union was honored too with the gift of a beautiful silver tray engraved with the UPEC emblem; the tray is now here in the world headquarters.

There is a warmth to Christian Endeavor in Portugal, there is an evangelical fervor, there is a vitality to it. And this in a land where being an evangelical Protestant is not easy. Their leaders possess a vision, a courage, a determination that is a lesson to all of us. The Christian Endeavorers of Portugal seek your prayers, blending with theirs, that God will bless their work that it may be fruitful. UPEC is more than a mixture of letters. It is an evangelical witness abroad in Portugal.

Harold Westerhoff

CHICAGO CONVENTION QUOTES



DR. CLYDE W. MEADOWS, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, in keynote address on "Venture With Christ" Wednesday morning: "The greatest adventure that we can have in life, the most thrilling experience of all of life, is to go with Christ where He wants us to go, and do with Christ what He wants us to do . . . Christ is always on the march, and He's on the march today. But Jesus is not always able to take us with Him, as far as He wants to go. Jesus is often unable to persuade us to venture . . . There must be personal commitment to Jesus Christ. The problem of multitudes of people today is that they are waging a personal war against God. They are unwilling to commit themselves to Jesus Christ . . . Venture with Christ and you will really live. Try living for others, try living for the Lord, try living for righteousness and truth—try the Christian way . . . Try tithing for six months and see the happiness it brings. Make use of the Word of God—see how powerful it is. Pray big. There are no limits to prayer; there are no boundary lines. Venture with Christ, even unto death."

LEFT—Dr. Meadows with Beverley V. Baxter (left), Endeavorer of the Year, and (left to right) Shirley A. Hallman, Larry J. Sell, and Gloria I. McDonald, runners-up.



DR. DANIEL A. POLING, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and editor of *CHRISTIAN HERALD*, in the Wednesday evening message on "Youth's Destination": "Christian Endeavor is not and never has been a young people's church. Its motto, 'For Christ and the Church,' is more than a slogan. It is the comprehensive statement of Christian Endeavor's program . . . While Christian Endeavor has been and is ecumenical, it is ways and primarily evangelistic. Leading young people to accept Jesus Christ as theiraviour and Lord has been for 80 years the superlative test, the joyous adventure, of Christian Endeavor . . . The fourfold purpose of Christian Endeavor—leading young people to Jesus Christ, bringing them into the life of the Christian Church, sustaining and training them there for the service of Christ and His cause, and releasing them through channels of worthy activity in the service of Jesus Christ and of their fellow men—is equally the spiritual destination of Christian Endeavor. And this destination has significance for every Christian Endeavorer. It may well be the broad pattern for life itself."

RIGHT—Jorge Laparra, president of Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church in Guatemala, presents Guatemala banners to Dr. Daniel A. Poling (center) and to Phyllis I. Rike. Dr. Poling wears the World's Union presidential chain.



DR. BURRIS BUTLER, executive editor of Standard Publishing, Cincinnati, Ohio, in his Thursday night message on "Training for the Venture with Christ": "God has placed us here to live! Life itself, the very act of living from day to day, is a venture. Learn to look upon each day as a new country to be explored, a new battle to be won, a new discovery to be made, a new goal to be achieved . . . Whenever the real nature of the claims of Christ is made plain to them, young people eagerly accept the Christian challenge. But commitment, and consecration, are not enough. The Christian young person should seek for a truly Christian education to prepare and equip him. He should know God's world, the arts, the people that live in God's world, God's Word, and a vocational skill. Last of all, this training ought to include something even more basic. This is where Christian Endeavor's pledge comes in. All of these endeavors, faithfully performed, develop Christian habits that build Christian character which shall stand."

LEFT—Dr. Burris Butler emphasizes a point during his message.

DR. BILLY GRAHAM, internationally-renowned evangelist, in the Friday evening message: "As a boy I was reared in Christian Endeavor and had my Christian Endeavor pin and went faithfully—sometimes because my father and mother made me, other times because I enjoyed it, and later on because they made me treasurer . . . We are living at a climactic point of history. If there was ever an hour that Christian young people needed to surrender their lives to Christ it is this hour—an exciting hour, a thrilling hour, a challenging hour. This is the hour to live, if you know Christ . . . It costs to follow Christ. He offers salvation free, but He also makes demands. He wants to be the master of your mind, of your body, of your social life, of talents and possessions, of your heart . . . You will not find a single conversion in the New Testament that ever took place privately. He calls you as individuals out from the crowd publicly, to take a stand."

RIGHT — Dr. Billy Graham with International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation, presented to him by Dr. James Kelly (right), from Scotland.



DR. GEORGE K. SCHWEITZER, associate professor of chemistry, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in his Saturday evening closing message on "Research, Reason, and Revelation": "Science is a product of the Christian faith . . . Science is a tool. It is something that has been given into our hands to be used. It is like a two-edged sword. It cuts two ways—it will cut for good or for evil . . . The success of science must not blind us to the fact that it answers no big questions—it doesn't tell us what is good or bad, it doesn't tell us whether there is any meaning in this life . . . What do we need? Not a God to serve us, but a God to serve. If the God you worship does not demand your service, He is not the God that the Lord Jesus Christ spoke of . . . God is a God who demands our service. If we do not give it we do not believe nor do we have faith . . . If you really mean business as a Christian they'll crucify you. I say to you as a Christian, 'Does it matter?' . . . Every great thing that has happened in history has been because one person made a decision. For only as your life is changed can this world be changed."

LEFT—Dr. George Schweitzer, surrounded by delegates, gives autograph and a personal word to scores of youth.

Delegates in Action



Weary from traveling, delegates rest in Conrad Hilton lobby before checking



(Upper) Registration and purchase of meal tickets. (Lower) In line for cafeteria-style meals served in the South Exhibition Hall of the Conrad Hilton.

(Below) Outdoor Hymn Sing in Grant Park on Michigan Avenue.



Arch McQuilkin leads delegates in a lion hunt during daily General Assembly period at lunch.



Dr. Daniel A. Poling (center front) installs newly-elected officers of International Society at Thursday evening session. Regional vice presidents and members of Executive Committee were included in group on platform.

Photos by Tom Renner

Overflow crowds—that was characteristic of the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago July 5-8.

Delegates poured into the pre-convention Service of Prayer on Tuesday evening until all available chairs and all standing room was full—and still they came! Hastily another room was opened and a second prayer service held.

At the opening communion service the room was filled to capacity and many stood; a number of conferences had to be moved to larger rooms; an overflow room was provided for the evening session when Dr. Billy Graham spoke; and more delegates than an-

anticipated taxed the hotel facilities for some of the meals.

Everyone rejoices at the convention attendance. More than 3,300 delegates were registered. Approximately 80% of those attending were under 25 years of age.

Another cause for rejoicing was the number of decisions recorded. At the Friday evening session alone, in response to the call given by Dr. Graham, a stream of delegates found their way to the Decision Room. In all, 342 persons recorded decisions.

Registration Contest

In the registration contest sponsored by
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(Upper) Evelyn Vossekul (left), president, and Shirley Jensema, registrar, claim Wisconsin's award in Registration Contest. (Middle) Harold E. Westerhoff with (left to right) Rev. Andrew Wright of England, Dr. James Kelly of Scotland, and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows. (Lower) International Society staff members with Dr. Billy Graham are (left to right) Phyllis I. Rike, Harold E. Westerhoff, and Delno W. Brown.

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The International Society the Wisconsin Union took first place, followed in order by Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and the Golden Rule Unions. A special registrar's award of \$36.75 went to Shirley Jensema, Wisconsin's registrar.

The five top unions received special award banners. Marriages in the parade and were seated in the Grand Ballroom according to the way they finished in the contest.

Bible Study and "School"

Each morning's program began with age-group Quiet Hour and Bible study periods led by Rev. John Benes, Dr. Earle W. Gates, and Rev. Theodore Richardson.

Then followed the "school" of the convention with 37 conferences on Christian Endeavor program and methods, evangelism, devotional life, etc. Youth Assembly official delegates met each day with Richard Snyder of Michigan as presiding officer and Timothy J. Kribs and Delno W. Brown serving as advisors.

Juniors participated in a special activity period each morning and in a special convention on Saturday at Metropolitan Com-



Parade winners are (Upper) Pennsylvania's marchers; (Middle) Ontario's float; and (Lower) float of First Reformed Church, South Holland, Illinois.

munity Church, all under the direction of Mrs. Samuel Mayfield.

Directed by Arch J. McQuilkin, the general assembly period at lunch each day was a fast-moving time of singing, talent, special presentations, and brief moments of inspiration.

Approximately 1,500 enjoyed the convention banquet on Friday evening. Cecil A. Jeffery was toastmaster, with Rev. Andrew Wright of London, England, chairman of Area II of the World's Union, bringing the message.

A Musical Convention

Dean Jacoby, ably assisted by his son Stephen at the organ, and joined by Robert C. Ross at the piano for the evening sessions, led many enthusiastic song services. Each evening the 100-voice choir directed by Rev. Edward S. Nelson presented an anthem.

In addition, the Christian Music Center Band Ensemble and the Faculty Four from Roseland Christian School presented special numbers and Sharyn Jacobsma and J. Allen and Donald Benes were the instrumentalists for the Grant Park Hymn Sing, led by Mr. Nelson.



(Upper) Rhythm Band of Metropolitan Community Church at Junior Convention; (Lower) Chicago Convention Choir, directed by Rev. Edward S. Nelson.

(Below) Headquarters personnel at Chicago are (left to right) Carl F. Herrmann, Mrs. Eleanor J. Tape, Mrs. Marty Nowell, and Roberta L. Jackson, with staff members Delno W. Brown, Phyllis I. Rike, and Harold E. Westerhoff. (Lower) Recording the July 16 "Faith in Action" network program for NBC-Radio are (left to right) Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Beverley V. Baxter, M. Carl Henderson, and Jim Hurlbut, interviewer.



Special Honors

Beverly V. Baxter, the Endeavorer of the Year, and the three runners-up were honored at Wednesday evening dinner. Winners of the Albert H. Diebold Awards in the 1961 Citizenship Awards Program were honored at the closing session.

Christian Witness Parade

On Saturday at 3:00 P.M. Endeavorers marched down Michigan Avenue in a great parade which featured floats and marching units.

Gift certificates for Christian Endeavor supplies were awarded to Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia for top marching units (outside the host state) and to Ontario,

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Be It Resolved

Resolutions adopted by the delegates at the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Chicago, Illinois, July 5-8.

In this eightieth year of our movement's ministry to youth and service for Christ and the Church, Christian Endeavorers gathered together in the great City of Chicago for the 46th International Convention give thanks to God for the blessings of this inspiring meeting and for the rich heritage of our movement.

Ever mindful of these past eighty glorious years, Christian Endeavorers are challenged to remain faithful to the high principles of the movement. We reaffirm that we are interdenominational, international, and interracial.

We purpose to carry back to our local societies the inspiration of this convention. We are determined to consistently "choose Christ whatever the cost" in every area of life.

Venture With Christ

Our new biennial theme "Venture With Christ" challenges us in this rapidly moving space age when scientific knowledge and use and conquest of outer space far surpass the individual's conquest of himself. We believe scientific developments support our concept of God and belief in Him as the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Obscene Literature, Radio, Television

Our contention is that civilization is able to survive only as its culture, religious faith, accumulated experiences and knowledge are faithfully transferred from one generation to another. We further contend that civilization can hardly rise above the standards and ideals of the people who make up that civilization. Experience bears out the fact that before the child is old enough to come under the influence of school he is already learning from and emulating that which he sees and hears on television, hears on radio, and sees in books and magazines. Therefore, we urge that Christian people: 1) abhor that which is evil—pornography and suggestive movies, television and radio programs—and cleave to that which is good; 2) realize that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he"; 3) write letters of commendation to sponsors of good programs and movies; 4) urge members of responsible legislative bodies to formulate and enforce more strict laws regarding pornography; 5) encourage the reading of Christian literature in the home and exercise the gift of Christian discernment with regard to choosing of movies, literature, and television and radio programs.

Lord's Day

We reaffirm the special and holy significance of the Lord's Day and call upon all Christians to conscientiously use and observe

this day. We purpose to refrain from patronizing any business establishments that remain open on the Lord's Day.

Christian Citizenship

We believe that a Christian's faith and life must be expressed through Christian citizenship and that his influence and responsibility must also be felt through his home, church and community.

We purpose to demonstrate our Christian citizenship through obeying all laws, including traffic laws and regulations. We also purpose to encourage all Christians to accept civic responsibilities, which includes exercising the privilege to vote and making themselves available for office. We further will demonstrate our Christian citizenship by realizing that God has made all nations of one blood to dwell upon the face of the earth; that in Christ Jesus we are all one and will with strong conviction help to bring equal opportunities to all peoples. Only through the love of Christ and a desire to serve Him and to bring our friends and neighbors into this New Life can we fulfill our place as Christian citizens of this world and eternity.

Peace Corps

We approve the basic idea of the Peace Corps, with its opportunities to serve humanity with the stipulation that the mechanics of its operation be carefully considered. We would remind Christians of the many avenues of service to our Lord Jesus Christ through the mission boards of the churches.

Communism

Communism is a steadily increasing menace to Christianity as well as to all religious faiths and a threat to all of the freedoms we cherish. We observe that the single purpose of communism is the liquidation of a free society and communists mean to accomplish this purpose through propaganda, deceit, infiltration and exploitation.

We therefore record our unalterable opposition to communism. We call upon Christians to prayerfully evaluate membership and participation in and support of all organizations and to carefully draw conclusions and opinions regarding issues in order to avoid becoming duped instruments for communism.

We challenge all Christians to examine their own spiritual lives, realizing that the answer to communism is a vital relationship to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Alcohol

Through the medium of communications we find misleading and false sales promo-

tion of alcoholic beverages and since deplore the defilement of the body, temple of God, we call upon all Christians to aggressively oppose the traffic in and use of alcoholic beverages. Conscious of alarming increase in highway fatalities due to the influence of liquor, and of the growing tendency to cover the tragedy of drink with a cloak of respectability and to compromise by tolerating moderation, we plead ourselves to promote any and all means eradicating this menace to our society.

Narcotics and Tobacco

Possessing the firm conviction that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, we urge all Christians to abstain from that which defiles and corrupts the body and weakens the Christian witness. We call attention to the hazardous habit of tobacco which has strong possibility of leading in narcotic addiction, a current menace to a senseless waste of youth. Use of narcotics destroys man's reasoning, decays his mind and body, degrades God's creation by debasing immorality, sin, and despair.

Federal Aid to Education

Aware of the current strong pressure for federal aid to education, in particular private and parochial schools, we recommend that Christians write to their elected representatives urging them to act to preserve the traditional separation of church and state.

DELEGATES IN ACTION

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Texas, and Michigan for outstanding float. Awards for Illinois units went to First Reformed Church of South Holland, First Reformed Church of Lansing, and the Chicago Union.

Election Results

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., was re-elected president of the International Society at the Chicago Convention. He and other officers were installed by Dr. Daniel A. Poling at the Friday evening convention session. Bishop Meadows is beginning his second term of office.

The president was elected Bishop of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ at the denomination's general conference in Huntington, Indiana, in June. He is assigned to the Eastern District and will continue to live in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania where he has served since 1928 as minister of the King Street United Brethren Church.

Other officers installed at Chicago include associate president Timothy J. Kribs; vice-presidents Eugene G. Alhart, Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Elwood Dunn, Dwight M. Goodenough, Norman Klauder, and Rev. Andrew White; general secretary and treasurer, Harold E. Westerhoff; educational secretary and citizenship director, Delno W. Brown; administrative secretary and editor, Phyllis I. Rike; and auditor, William J. von Minden.

Vice-presidents in charge of regions include: New England, Rev. Willard Thomen; Middle Atlantic, James R. Westerhoff; Southern, Alice Goodman; Great Lakes, William R. Bonnema; Central, Albert E. Schoenbeck; Rocky Mountain, Rev. Dan Reed; Southwestern, Mary Moffitt; Pacific, Mrs. Etta V. Berger; Dominion of Canada, Mary Campbell; and Republic of Mexico, Dr. Oziel Garza Rocha.

Youth Assembly officers elected include Earle W. Gates, Jr., New York, chairman; David Hildreth, Ohio, vice-chairman; and Susan Moran, Indiana, secretary.

Representatives of winning societies in 1961 Citizenship Awards Program were honored at closing session.



With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)

ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee: Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Jay Sheffield

Labor and Capital

"Laborers Together"

Matthew 9:37, 38; 1 Corinthians 3:5-11
God has commanded labor (Exodus 9), and we should thank Him for strength for our labors, talents for our jobs, and resources for our work. Work is necessary for both spiritual and physical well-being. Laboring together with God brings us to a closer fellowship with Him and one another. Labor and capital must work together for just results; one is not complete without the other. A forum on labor-management relations by those capable of rationally discussing the viewpoints of each may produce a better understanding of vital issues. Do you agree that men best work together when they learn to worship together?

Worthy Work

1 Timothy 5:17, 18; Isaiah 55:2; Ecclesiastes 9:10

Labor that satisfies brings rewards both material and spiritual, as well as temporal and eternal. While talents may differ, each has a work to do, and results will come if work is done unto the Lord. The greatest satisfaction comes in having used our occupation to reveal Christ to others. How can the church help the two powerful groups of capital and labor face their problems in the Christian spirit of justice and fairness? Apply practical Christian ethics to such problems as monopoly, organized labor, free labor, individual rights, featherbedding, compulsory unions, collective bargaining, strikes, picket lines, right-to-work, freedom of choice, majority rule, and minority rights.

Local Benevolence

"Unto the Least of These"

Matthew 25:35-40; John 14:15

Just as the multitudes came to Jesus for physical help, so people today cry out for help. Set about to answer these calls in our community. Opportunities to serve Christ through concern for the welfare of others are at your very doorstep. Seek support for some particular welfare need for which there is now no or inadequate provision—such as a clinic for underprivileged children, care for the aging, employment opportunities and recreation facilities for senior citizens and the handicapped, hospital care, and housing. Have a committee study our community needs, make recommendations, select a pressing need, and organize for action.

Christian Action

Luke 4:18; 7:21, 22

Christian action is the impelling response to the new commandment of our Lord. As I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus set the example when He declared His mission in *Luke 4:18*. And He promised "greater works than these" (*John 14:12*) would be done by believers in Him. While modern life may be more complex, basic human needs remain

the same. Study and plan how each may help to meet needs in your community. Concern for your neighbors, motivated by Christ's love, responds in Christian action in your community, for "charity (or love) begins at home."

Public Worship

1. "This Do"

Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-21; 11:23-34

The observance of the Lord's Supper was one of the last commandments of our Lord. It is significant that what all people do most, He made into a memorial. Each man hungers and thirsts, and the fulfillment of his needs is a continuing requirement for existence. Christ knew that spiritual nourishment is just as essential, and He selected a memorial requiring frequent observance to remind us of His broken body and shed blood for us. Discuss what attitudes contribute to or detract from the spiritual nourishment received from the Lord's Supper.

2. "Fellowship One with Another"

Matthew 18:20; Acts 20:7; 1 John 1:3-7

If we walk in the light of Christ's way, we have fellowship with one another, said the apostle Paul. And His way includes public worship. His followers were admonished not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together" (*Hebrews 10:25*) for this fellowship of worship. There is a time-worn rationalism that one can worship anywhere and so doesn't have to go to church; but does he really worship *anywhere*? The church is a place of spiritual refueling; strength comes from worship and fellowship together. The church also needs our faithful attendance, willing participation, and financial support. Give emphasis to two of Christian Endeavor's basic principles—Loyalty to Christ's Church and Fellowship with Christ's People.

Family Finances

1. Whose Money?

1 Timothy 6:1-14

"The only thing worse than a man's handling all the money in a home is a woman's handling it," said a wise trial judge. Herein lies an acute problem in Christian homemaking, a cause for much useless bickering. To whom belongs the salary for maintaining a home? Couples who have strife over money become its slaves; rather it should work for them. Homes can be made happier through the establishment of proper standards for family finances. List common problems; discuss how they arise and how Christians should meet them as partners. Consider ways each helps to earn the income and how best to share it. Find appropriate Scripture references. What Christian principles are involved?

2. "What's Mine Is Yours"

Malachi 3:1-10; Matthew 6:33

There should be standards for sharing finances in each family. Consider the practical steps to achieve such partnership. The

proper way to share responsibility is to establish a budget and allocate a portion to each. Not how much money is earned, but how agreeably it is shared determines happiness. Discuss proportionate sharing by parents and children. A budget includes the essentials of living. Most vital is our part in Christ's service. Since all we own is God's and we are temporary trustees, no budget is complete without His part. One tenth is the portion He asks. What do we risk by disregarding this portion of His law?

Denominations

1. "Behold the Works of the Lord"

Psalms 46; Matthew 16:13-20

The Reformation was a most important religious movement in western Christendom beginning early in the sixteenth century, which resulted in the formation of various Protestant churches. In its inception, the movement was moral and religious, arising out of Luther's rediscovery of the Pauline doctrine of justification by faith. A most interesting meeting could be planned by featuring brief biographical sketches of some of the leaders of the Reformation: Luther, Melancthon, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox, Latimer, Ridley, and Crammer. Participants should be asked to concentrate on principles and ideals of the personalities rather than statistics. Flat pictures or a filmstrip would create added interest.

(The second topic in this series will be carried in the next issue.)

COMING EVENTS For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

AUGUST

- 7-11—Virginia, Bridgewater
- 12-19—New York, Lake Canandaigua (Summer Assembly)
- 13-19—Oregon, Rockaway (Leadership Training Conference)
- 13-20—Ontario, Selkirk (Summer Conference)
- 17-20—Ohio, Hidden Hollow Camp (Summer Conference)
- 20-27—Alabama, Oak Mountain (Camp and Retreat)
- 26-31—New Jersey, Madison (Conference)
- 28-September 4—Missouri, Troy (Summer Conference)

SEPTEMBER

- 2-4—Michigan, Waldenwoods (Fall Conference)
- 3-4—North Carolina, Crestmont Assembly Grounds (Planning Conference)
- 8-10—Wisconsin, Green Lake
- 20-24—Mexico, Morelia, Michoacan

OCTOBER

- 7-8—Great Lakes Regional Conference, Michigan City, Indiana
- 7-9—Ontario, Hamilton
- 13-15—Southern Regional Conference, Montreat, North Carolina



School Daze

No. 1 in a Series: "Thresholds"

I Peter 1:13-16

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Miss Edna A. Pyle*

Preparation

Plan a social hour preceding the meeting, patterned after registration day at school. Ask each person attending to apply at desk for a registration card prepared in advance with personal questions of a serious or humorous nature. These cards, after being signed by the owners, might have each item filled in by a different person present, this activity serving as a get-acquainted mixer for anyone new to the group.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Piano medley calling group to order, beginning with *School Days* and ending with *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Leader's Presentation of Topic, basing remarks on I Peter 1:13-16

Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Discussion of Topic (*Have different members present the various phases of the topic and call for a volunteer to answer the accompanying question.*)

Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*

Silent Prayers

Benediction

Leader's Introduction

School daze, school days, Christian education, so runs the evolution of activities for the young people of the church, beginning a new session this time of year. The daze is somewhat delightful at first, but after a while, when a program becomes routine, the serious-minded youth is ready for the formal education phase, and the intelligent young person realizes that education is vain unless it be Christian. So let us consider some various aspects of school life that tend toward that end.

Christ, the Example

Jesus set the pattern for growth as recorded in Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." This report of the life of Christ during the years in which He was making preparation for His lifework suggests the fourfold development used by many agencies working with youth. The classroom is the opportunity for growth of mind. The regular physical education department of schools and the Y.M.C.A. provides for "increase in stature." The church and home together provide ideal development for the spiritual life, while many school and community organizations care for social expansion.

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PURPOSE

To awaken an awareness that young persons who profess to be Christians have more and special opportunities and responsibilities in school life.

Is there need in our community for another agency to aid in one or more of the above-mentioned developments: education, physical training, or recreation?

Earnest Effort

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). This admonition encouraging the Christian to serious study of the Bible may also serve as encouragement for the serious study of courses in school. A student who forms careful study habits for learning from the Book of books can transfer and apply the same successful methods to other profitable reading. A Christian is ashamed to be unprepared or confused. In this respect a portion of Scripture out of context, but very appropriate reads "neither be ye of doubtful mind."

Do you think it really pays to make conscientious preparation of all schoolwork?

Honesty or Honor

These qualities are important in school work for two reasons. One is that only work done by one's own effort and understanding will really help him progress in any subject. The other is that life habits are being formed and reputations are being acquired. The young person who is eager to succeed in his lifework will consider the value of character training as suggested in II Corinthians 8:21, "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."

To what extent is cheating prevalent in our school? Where do you place the blame? How can the situation be remedied?

Peace of Mind

Peace of mind is a valuable Christian asset in any line of work or activity, school along with the rest. The pulpit in an outdoor worship center on the grounds of a church conference camp is a natural stone bearing the inscription, "Be still and know that I am God." If quiet be necessary for promoting the knowledge of God and for feeling His power, would it not be worthwhile to borrow that technique for getting into a proper frame of mind to learn other lessons? Maybe that is the conviction of the harried study hall teacher whose command is just, "Be still," period. Along this line there is again Scriptural advice from Proverbs, "He that hath knowledge spareth his words; and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit" (Proverbs 17:27).

Peace of mind is a prime requisite too at

examination time, for the student who made conscientious preparation day by day and has spent a reasonable time at log review will not feel frightened and confused. Rather he will remember that Christian has many promises, such as found in Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee." This does insure perfect or high grades, but it assures the Christian of better command of his abilities and clearer insight into questions and problems because he is not afraid.

Are there any situations in school which one may be justified in being afraid or confused?

Goals

Goals are important in high school as any other phase of life. In this day orientation classes and guidance teachers students have every opportunity to decide upon a vocational goal and not just in time as Dobie Gillis' teacher must have suspected his seniors of doing when assigned them a term paper on "Drifting." Successful personality depends on character, goals, and these are summed up for the Christian in the "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" passage. The only problem, obvious is the determining in the complex situation of present school and social life just where are the kingdom of God choices. Here where parents, teachers, counselors, and ministers come in as wise friends who can help. Teen-agers will do well to cultivate friendships among all ages which will be helpful.

What bases can we use for choices in and out of school?

Fellowship

Fellowship, another name for friendship is one of the biggest attractions in school. Honestly, most students, eager as they are for vacations, are just as eager to come back to school to renew former friendships and to make new ones. In fact, happy and life-long friendships often begin in high school including those that terminate in marriage. This social aspect of school should not be treated lightly. Christ says we are to be in the world but not of it, expecting us to be social beings but Christians at times. He set the example of the value of friendship when He chose twelve men to accompany Him in His work, when of the twelve, three became close to Him, and when of the three, one was called "the beloved."

It is well to have at least one friend of whom one may say as Priscilla did of John Alden, "For I feel that your nature is noble lifting mine up to a higher, a more ethereal level. Therefore I value your friendship."

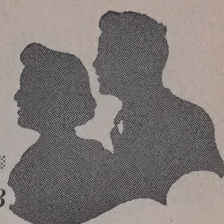
Can one ever afford to have friends whose standards are definitely lower than his own?

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Sin—a Little Word

No. 1 in a Series: "In the Christian's Vocabulary"

Psalms 32



Junior High (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 3

Comments by Rev. Chester D. Hirschy*

Publicity

Use small I's of black construction paper. Have the church bulletin board prepare a large letter I and place the details of the meeting on it. Begin placing different pieces of advertisement on the board three or four weeks in advance of the meeting. You may desire to cut the letter I in three or four pieces and place a piece on the bulletin board each week to draw people's attention to the different parts and then the whole. Suggest that "the reason I sin is because I..."

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Opening Time: *In My Heart There Rings a Melody, Are Ye Able, Said the Master, and Christ Is the Answer*
Prayer Time
Memory Time: Each one should give a Bible verse by memory
Business and Announcements
Offering
Special Number
Scripture Reading: Psalm 32
Topic Discussion
Closing Song: *God's Way My Way*
Closing Prayer: Pray for deliverance from sin

Leader's Introduction

Look at sin, and we soon feel that it is a three-letter word which can cause a great big heap of trouble. The biggest reason that this little word can cause so much trouble is the letter I. We see that this letter is in the middle of the word. As young people look at life we find that most of the problems we face involve the letter I. The question that we will face all through our life will be "What will I do with sin, self, others, and above all my word?"

Tonight as we will deal with the word sin, let us notice that it is not our sins that our sin. What is the difference in these two words? We will soon notice that our sins are a result of sin. Four of you will now help us all understand ourselves and the effects of sin upon us as we grow into adulthood.

Sin and My Physical Growth

I know that I am growing up into an adult life. I don't grow like some of the rest of you. My growth is sudden, rapid, and uneven. As a result I am awkward and tire easily, although at times I show boundless energy. Last month my voice was cracking and I noticed that I couldn't sing like I did before. In fact, my entire body seems to be in a constant change. My clothing just don't seem to fit, and I know that others seem to notice. While I am

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why does Satan try to get us to sin?
2. What really happens to us physically, mentally, and spiritually when we sin?
3. Does one have to be a big sinner before he can be a good Christian?
4. What is the difference between sin and sins?

growing like this, I find problems because I am beginning to notice the opposite sex and am tempted to think evil things. I have urges that at times seem almost beyond my control. I begin to wonder if there is any hope for me. In Romans 12:1 I read the following advice, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Paul said that it is reasonable for us to present our bodies to God. Does this differ from the present day trend of a lot of young people who wear black jackets, smoke, drink, and use dope, which many times leads them to wild parties and destructive activities?

Sin and My Mental Growth

At my age I find that my mind develops very rapidly. It is full of emotional disturbances. I am brutally frank and find that I am very critical of myself and others. I am beginning to ask questions, and doubts are beginning to crowd in upon me. The little word "sin" becomes very large in my mental growth, and sometimes I even feel that I can never be a Christian like Christ wants me to be. I even find that my mind is beginning to raise questions about God, the Bible, and Christ. Paul reminds me that I will have to face this problem. In Romans 12:2 he tells me a way out of my problem of mental growth and sin: "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." How can I be transformed by the renewing of my mind? Again the Bible gives me the answer (read *Philippians 4:8*). As a young person growing toward adulthood, facing all the problems and joys of life, I must remember the first sentence of our Christian Endeavor Pledge. Let's all repeat it together so that our mental growth might have it as a helping hand in its battle against sin, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do."

Sin and My Spiritual Growth

As I observe my growth in the areas of the physical and the mental, I sometimes wonder what is ahead of me in life. I find that the wonderful Bible stories that I learned as a child now seem to be challenged by my doubts. I sometimes idolize and look up to somebody outside the church.

There are times when it seems that my parents just do not understand my needs. My friends are only a comfort as long as I am with them. I even find that at some of our parties I am lonely and sad even when I am trying to show everyone that I am happy. I sometimes wish that I was never born. Where can I receive help?

I can sense a still small voice, a tug at my heart, and I hear Christ say to me, "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest." How can He give me rest? The Bible tells me that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (*Hebrews 13:8*). So He becomes a source that never is missing, can always be counted upon, and above all helps me to learn to live. Romans 6:23 states, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." We see that sin would like to destroy us; but Jesus promised that if we would come to Him, He would help us. He said that if we would lose our life for His sake, we would find it. This may mean that we might have to be ready to be beaten, go hungry, go thirsty, and even be killed like He was on the cross.

He won victory. I can almost see Him now on the cross. The nails are driven into His hands and feet, and the thorns press deep into His head. It is very hot, the crowd is laughing, and now a soldier steps forward with a spear and strikes Christ's body. Then I hear His last words, "It is finished" (*John 19:30*). You know, as I look at all the different heroes that I could follow, I don't find any that challenge me like Jesus. I am going to try to avoid sin so that my spiritual growth will be very healthy. I hope you too will choose the way of Christ.

Suggested Activities

1. Let's all try to help other youth to overcome sin in their lives.
2. Let us try to keep sinful activities out of our parties.
3. Let us prepare a list of all the unsaved in our age group that we know and seek to bring them to Christ.

The Little Prayer

by Sue Hughes

Said a little child
While praying one night,
Dear God, bless Mommy and Daddy too,
And, God, be good to sister Sue.

Dear God,
I know I'm very small,
And I know I don't pray good at all.
But if you have some time to spare,
Please listen to my little prayer.

Dear God,
Please let me grow up straight and tall,
And help me love You
Best of all!

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I Have to Decide

No. 2 in a Series: "Thresholds"

II Timothy 1:7-9



Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney*

Aims

1. To think about our future careers.
2. To appraise our talents and abilities.
3. To develop bases for choosing a useful occupation.
4. To consider opportunities in church vocations.

Promoting the Meeting

Use posters to create interest in the theme and to arouse curiosity. Posters might carry different questions such as: *Where will you be in 1971? What will you be doing in 1981? Will you enjoy your job in 1991? What achievements can you look back to in 2001? Let's talk it over in C. E. tonight.* Perhaps you might desire to invite as a speaker an industrialist or labor leader to discuss job opportunities or a psychologist to explain aptitude tests or your minister to outline various church professions.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Period
Scripture Roll Call—Your Favorite Verse
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Scripture: II Timothy 1:7-9
Prayer Period
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Leader's Introduction
Discussion by Four Speakers
Question and Answer Period
Hymn: *There's A New Day Dawning*
Closing Prayer and Benediction

Leader's Introduction

Another school year has opened with its opportunities for general and special preparation for life. We young people should think seriously of the type of work for which we desire to fit ourselves. Our schoolwork will mean much more to us when we know it is helping to prepare us for the vocation we have in mind. We must decide on a vocation and determine to receive the necessary specialized training, or circumstances will push us into something that we may not like. A recent survey reveals that in the United States young people have some 20,000 different kinds of occupations from which to choose.

One of the blessings of life in a democracy is freedom to choose one's occupation. We should avoid hasty decisions and seek as much advice as possible. We should evaluate ourselves from the standpoint of natural ability, inclination, family background, and our developing interests. We can do best what we are most interested in doing. Voca-

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is there a distinction between a sacred and a secular calling?
2. What do you regard as proper standards of success?
3. What special qualifications are required for success as a minister?
4. What profession do you prefer? Why?
5. Why are more young people applying for college than ever before?

tions should be judged by the standards of usefulness to society, to humanity, and to God. Further discussion will now be led by four speakers whose suggestions may help us in deciding our lifework.

Decide in Faith

Paul, in our Scripture lesson tonight, reminded young Timothy that "God hath not given us the spirit of fear." Fear is a pagan, not a Christian heritage. Neither national nor individual fears and anxieties should determine our choice of a lifework or direct the course of our education. Instead of fear, Paul stresses the threefold heritage from God—"of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." The Christian makes his plans for the future with a sense of triumphant power which comes from knowing that God is in control of the universe He has created and developed. No foreign dictator can defeat the plans of God. Right, not wrong, must ultimately triumph. We must plan our lifework in full confidence that God will help us achieve the destiny for which He has fitted us through heredity, personal endowment, and persistent purpose. Yes, "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

God also gives us the heritage of love by which we can conquer the hatreds and animosities with which our modern world is teeming. "Love," said the apostle Paul, "never faileth." It is the most potent force in the world. The future of mankind depends not on crash programs of science nor on international armaments. The cross is the means of victory for us. All lifework should contribute to the promotion of brotherhood in industry, in community life, and in national productivity.

Decide to Be Educated

Paul is also reminding Timothy that "a sound mind" is a cherished part of our heritage from God. God manifests His leadership in the world through our ability to think clearly. He expects us to use our brains for our own good and for His glory. The Christian seeks the best education possible in order to serve humanity and to make a positive contribution to popular opinion in our democratic society.

Only a fool loafs in school or quits earlier than necessity requires. Every Christian Endeavorer should determine to get all the formal education he can in high school, college, and university. Education opens

new doors of opportunity to serve and earn a living. Learning should be a lifetime process. Successful learning is even more than the acquiring of knowledge through study in school and thoughtful reading at home. It is primarily the development of the power of thought, based on knowledge and experience. Ability to think clearly, quickly, and comprehensively is the goal of the educational process. Thus we are fitted for responsible occupations and become useful citizens.

Decide to Serve

No Christian should select his job selfishly. He should not ask, "How much money can I earn in the easiest way?" The important question is: "How can I serve most effectively?" Nor should a Christian select a job that lowers his ideals or, like the liquor industry, is harmful to individuals and society. Avoid any type of employment upon which you cannot seek God's blessing. Seek something that contributes to the welfare of others and of society.

The vital question for a Christian must always be: "How can my life be used most effectively in God's service?" All unselfish work is sacred in God's sight. He has need for us in whatever type of useful employment we select. For every life there is a divine plan. Our happiness and our usefulness depend upon discovering and responding to God's plan for our lives. The answer comes through self-surrender, prayer, honest self-appraisal, courageous self-sacrifice, and a study of the ways God is using men in all types of work as channels of service. God calls, but never conscripts. We are free to volunteer to do the work for which we are best fitted and to serve where we are most needed.

Decide for God

Every young person should ask himself "Does God want me to serve Him as a full-time specialist in the work of His church at home or abroad?" Naturally, God cannot use all of us as His paid workers. But all should be ready to volunteer if we possess the special abilities and aptitude He requires. He wants and needs the most gifted and talented young people to preach and to teach His eternal message. Give priority in your thinking to the claims of the Christian ministry upon your life.

Closely allied to the Christian ministry is a wide diversity of full-time opportunities in the work of the church. These include pastor's assistants, parish visitors, religious educators, missionary physicians, nurses, teachers, and mechanics. Our Missionary Board has detailed information about the work anybody would like to do in some national or foreign missionary field. You will be delighted at the range of opportunities which awaits your specialized skill. God calls for volunteers. He rarely resorts to a draft. He depends for recruits upon the inner compulsion of our love for Him.

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Forgiveness—a Gracious Word

No. 2 in a Series: "In the Christian's Vocabulary"

Mark 2:1-12



Senior High (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 10

Comments by Miss Kate Vanderberg*

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Announcements
Opening Hymns: *O Worship the King; Sweet Hour of Prayer*
Scripture Reading: Mark 2:1-12
Teacher
Offering
Discussion of the Topic
Sentence Prayers
Closing Hymn: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*
Elizabeth Benediction

Definitions

Webster says the word "forgive" means to cease to feel resentment against a person for wrong committed; to absolve; pardon. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia says that the word in the original Hebrew and Greek means "release from a debt." It does not mean that God suspends punishment which at some later date He might inflict.

There are at least two people involved in the transaction of forgiveness; there must be a transgressor and also one against whom he has transgressed. The One against whom a person has transgressed may be God.

Topic Introduction

In our Scripture lesson Jesus was first concerned with the problem of sin rather than of physical healing. The man who was brought to Jesus in this incident had need of both physical and spiritual healing. Jesus said to him, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." The forgiveness of sins is of primary importance, not secondary.

The fact that Jesus forgave this man's sins indicates that he must have sinned. Sin precedes forgiveness. Sin is the transgression of God's law and incurs His wrath. Therefore, a reconciliation must take place in order that the sinner may become righteous in the sight of God. Let us study this incident further.

1. *The act of forgiveness.* Jesus demonstrated His power to forgive sin when He told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven. The paralytic accepted forgiveness. Jesus, recognizing his faith, made him physically well also. The sinner must throw himself unconditionally upon the mercy of Jesus and believe in faith that he has received forgiveness, just as the paralytic believed.

2. *The result of forgiveness.* The paralytic was made whole in both body and soul. How did the sick man know that his sins

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. When is forgiveness needed?
2. How often are we to forgive one another?
3. What if the sinner is too proud to ask for forgiveness?
4. Should we go ahead and do wrong since we can have forgiveness by asking for it?
5. Should a Christian ever hold a grudge and be unforgiving?

were forgiven? Jesus said so. When sins have been forgiven, they have been blotted from God's remembrance. God's Word tells us so. The forgiven sinner should go on his way rejoicing.

Forgiveness Explained

1. *The bitterness of unconfessed sin.* In Psalm 32 the writer speaks of the utter discomfort and pain due to not confessing his sins. In verse four he speaks of the hand of the Lord being heavy upon him.

2. *Confession.* In verse five David, the writer of this psalm, confesses his sins to the Lord and says he has not hidden them. You will notice that the psalmist is taking his sins to the right source, namely God.

3. *Forgiveness.* Following confession he finds relief. What has happened to his sin? It has been forgiven (verse 5). It will be remembered no more by God.

4. *Result of forgiveness.* In verses one and two David tells the condition of the person whose sin has been forgiven. His sin is "covered"; that is, it will no longer be held against him. He also speaks of the Lord's "not imputing" his iniquity; that is, it will not be charged against him. Instead of exacting payment for sin from the sinner, God makes the forgiven sinner's condition blessed.

If you will compare the result of forgiveness in Psalm 32, which is an Old Testament statement of forgiveness, you will find that the result harmonizes with the Scripture lesson in Mark 2. The result of the paralytic's forgiveness was that he was made whole in both body and soul; the result of the psalmist's forgiveness was both physical and spiritual blessing.

Illustrations of Forgiveness

1. *Jacob.* For many years Jacob and Esau had been separated because Jacob had wronged his brother. Esau was very angry with Jacob. After many years the two brothers met; Jacob was afraid of his brother, but Esau had forgiven him. (See Genesis 33:4)

2. *Joseph.* Joseph forgave his brothers for the sin they had committed against him many years before. They had sold him to the Midianites. Joseph not only forgave his brothers but also tried to comfort them with the gracious words that God had sent

him before them into Egypt to preserve their lives. (See Genesis 45:5)

3. *David.* David had sinned grievously in the sight of God. However, he confessed his sin, and Nathan the prophet told him in II Samuel 12:13, "The Lord also hath put away thy sin." Repentance on the part of the sinner is always honored by God.

4. *Paul.* On his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians, Paul fell to the earth by the hand of the Lord. Humbly Paul asked Jesus what He wanted him to do. He was converted there and later became a great missionary in the early church. (See Acts 9:5,6)

5. *Peter.* Peter's sin was denying his Lord. That morning by the seaside, after the resurrection of Jesus, when Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep, Peter knew that he was forgiven. Jesus was entrusting him with the preaching of the Gospel to the lost. (See John 21:15-17)

6. *Zacchaeus.* Zacchaeus realized his sinfulness in demanding more money from the people for taxes than he should have taken. In the presence of Jesus he promised that he would restore four times over that which he had taken dishonestly. Jesus said to him, "This day salvation came to this house." How gracious these words must have sounded to a penitent Zacchaeus. (See Luke 19:8-10)

Life Illustration

A teen-ager was offended at some real or imaginary injustice of her chum. She justified her unforgiving spirit in this way. She said, "My mother said it is unchristian not to forgive, so I'll just not be on speaking terms with Mary!" We can justify our unforgiving spirit by salving our consciences with thoughts like that, but it is calling the lack of the Christian virtue of forgiveness by a different name. Be willing to forgive another and go on your way rejoicing that God is willing to forgive all of us.

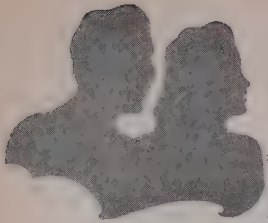
Ways of Developing the Topic

Pass out slips of papers beforehand asking the various members to enlarge upon the sentences written upon the slips. Suggest possible ways in which one could be offended with the people mentioned upon the slips and also ways of forgiveness in such situations.

1. Sisters and brothers
2. Classmates
3. Fellow Endeavorers
4. Neighbors
5. Enemies

Scripture passages may be assigned to various members pertaining to forgiveness; have each explain the meaning of his passage. Some suggestions are: Psalm 103:1-5; Numbers 14:19; Daniel 9:9; Matthew 6:14; Mark 11:25; Luke 17:3,4; Ephesians 4:32; I John 1:9.

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Lord of All

No. 3 in a Series: "Thresholds"

I Corinthians 6:20

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER 1

Comments by Rev. Vernon Hoffman*

Introduction

An objective look at the individual words in the topic impresses us with its absoluteness. In a strictly human interpretation, the term "lord" means one who is superior and who has authority. The person, therefore, who is "lord of all" has a very broad and complete authority, humanly speaking. When we substitute the term "Lord," using it in its divine sense, the scope of the phrase "Lord of All" becomes almost more than we can understand. At once we have added a completeness to the phrase. It has taken on a more personal meaning, and it implies authority over the inner self as well as the physical body.

To the Leader

Sing such hymns as *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* and *Stand Up for Jesus*. Use the topic Scripture as a part of the Scripture study. Ask several members ahead of time to discuss various portions of the topic.

As an aid to developing an awareness of the broad meaning of this topic, the following Scriptures should be read aloud in the meeting. You may wish to read them yourself or to ask others to read them. In either case, after each section has been read, it will be helpful to interject a few explanatory comments about its meaning.

1. *Matthew 7:21-23*. Part-time Christianity, you will note, is not enough. Some of the people mentioned in this passage "prophesied." This seems quite impressive, and yet the Lord will say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Apply this thought to the day in which we live. Consider the desecration of the Lord's Day and the lack of interest in the church and its program. Mention those folks who only go to church on special occasions.

2. *Matthew 22:36-38*. These verses state the greatest commandment. Anyone who heeds these verses must first have recognized Christ as Lord of his life.

3. *Romans 14:7-9*. These verses serve to remind us that we are responsible not only to ourselves. It is very clearly stated that we belong to the Lord, for He has bought us.

4. *Revelation 4:11*. These are words of praise to God, and in addition they point out that the only purpose for which we were created is to glorify God.

5. *Philippians 2:5-11*. The verses which are especially significant to us in the study of this topic are verses 10 and 11. Notice especially how all-inclusive these verses are: "things in heaven . . . things in earth . . . things under the earth." In verse 11, the word "every" leaves no leeway for excep-

OUR AIM

To realize that Christ must be Lord of all or not Lord at all. We must either "crown Him" or "crucify Him." In the day of judgment, there is no middle ground. We are either saved or lost (*Matthew 25:34,37*).

tions. All should confess Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

6. *1 Timothy 6:11-16*. These are words of encouragement and inspiration to the man who recognizes Christ as Lord of lords.

7. *1 Corinthians 6:20*. Christ paid for us and therefore owns us. If He owns us, He must possess absolute authority over us.

Lord of Youth as Well as Adults

The word "all" in our topic has several possible interpretations which we will explore. It can be interpreted in its broad sense, meaning all people. Here are implications which young people often avoid. Teen-agers often act as though church activities, church attendance, soul winning, etc. are only for adults. This term "all" means literally just that. It means young and old alike. Teen-agers generally have a tremendous urge to be adults, and to be treated as such. Generally, though, this desire is turned "off" and "on" as it is most convenient. In other words, we want to be treated like adults and have the privileges of adults without any of the responsibilities that go with being adults. Do we want to drive the family car, but seldom think of paying for a flat tire or a little gasoline? Perhaps our biggest trouble is that we want to have our cake and eat it too.

So it is with this matter of lordship. Oftentimes we don't grasp it on a personal basis, even though we are aware of its meaning and its demands. The word "all" must also be interpreted on a personal basis. The verses from *Matthew 7* clearly point out that we can't be part-time Christians and expect to reap the rewards of eternal life. We can't be Christians only during our church-activity periods. God expects our "all" day after day and year after year. Christianity must be our way of life at home, at school, at work, and at play. We must take Christ with us everywhere, and we must go only where we will not be ashamed to take Him.

Lord of the World and the Universe

The philosopher has a theory which he calls the cosmological argument for the existence of God. This theory reasons that since the universe is systematic and logical, there must be a Guiding Hand. The Christian sees God in everything about him and knows that since God created it, He also maintains it. He is authority we readily acknowledge.

Yet we so often ignore it in our personal life. We don't call on God to help us in our planning. We seem to think that because God is concerned with the vast universe,

He couldn't possibly be interested in me. The Psalmist was awed by this when he said, "Who is man that Thou art mindful of him?"

Lord of the Unpleasant and Pleasant

We are prone to complain about our real and imaginary problems, but we don't thank God enough for the pleasant things we experience. We can complain loudly and ask, "Why aren't we rich?" "Why was I sick?" "Why am I so tall?" "Why is he so popular?"

Christ is Lord over all, and we must believe that all things happen for good to those who love the Lord. When we doubt we are limiting the scope of Christ's lordship in our lives.

Lord of the Ordinary and Unusual

At the great moments in our life, we often look to God for guidance, but we overlook His interest in the ordinary day-to-day happenings. We are told that every hair on our heads is numbered (*Matthew 10:30*). Does this not remind us that we should seek His guidance constantly? God is interested in even the small details of our lives.

Lord of Our Dreams and Desires

We do so much of our dreaming and planning without God that it is difficult to submit wholly to His will. We all have aims in life which we consider important, and we are reluctant to be too submissive for fear God may lead us into paths that conflict with our own desires and aims.

The appeal of the mission field is broad and strong, but yet too few people accept this challenge. We lack the necessary sense of dedication. We admire the consecrated life and the devotion to duty. We sense the inner satisfaction of the life of service, but beyond that we are not willing to go. At this point our personal aims enter the picture and generally become the controlling factor. For some young people the major aim is financial success, while others seek fame, and still others look to pleasure alone as their goal in life. "Keeping up with the Joneses" is a familiar phrase, and unfortunately it is representative of many people. "Things" become the measurement we use to determine our success.

Conclusion

The word "all" has far more implied meaning than we at first realize. If we will make Christ truly Lord of all, we will be transformed and our lives will be an example to all. Those we touch will sense our spark and see our witness. First of all, Christ's lordship must be a personal experience, and then it can radiate from us to others. Let's renew our vows and pray for humility and willingness to submit ourselves to God. Let's decide to make Christ "Lord of All."

(Conclude with a hymn of consecration, a period of silent prayer, and the benediction.)

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Regeneration—a Must

No. 3 in a Series: "In the Christian's Vocabulary"

Ezekiel 11:19,20; John 3:1-21



Senior High (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 17

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong*

Introducing the Topic

Zacchaeus was a wee little man, a wee little man was he. He climbed up in a sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see.

Do you remember when you sang this in Sunday school? In those days our interest was in the size of Zacchaeus and the tree he climbed. Today, however, our interest in Zacchaeus is quite different. Have someone read the account of Zacchaeus at this point: Luke 19:1-10.)

Zacchaeus—A Case Study

The Bible tells us that Zacchaeus was a publican. The publicans collected taxes for Rome. After Rome had received its required amount, the tax collector might still expect for his services. This amount was usually outrageous, and so the tax collectors were hated by their own people.

We are also told that Zacchaeus was rich, which probably implies that he had taken more than his share from the people. After Jesus had come to his house, Zacchaeus decided to give half of his goods to the poor and to restore fourfold to those from whom he had stolen. What had happened to Zacchaeus? One can hardly explain such a change as a moral attempt to be better. You will remember that when Jesus told the rich young ruler to sell his goods and give to the poor, he went away disappointed because he had great possessions, but Zacchaeus, on his own, decided to give to the poor. Something very strange had happened here. Zacchaeus was completely changed about; that is, he was converted or born again."

Defining Our Terms

What does "regeneration" mean? Perhaps it may be illustrated somewhat by the battery on a car. As long as there is current in the battery it generates electricity to run the car. However, the battery sometimes goes dead. It no longer generates. When you take it to the garage and have it regenerated. Soon new life causes that battery to work again.

Every illustration such as this has its weak points, but the truth we are trying to set at is that man is dead because of sin (Ephesians 2:1.) He cannot understand spiritual things because they are only understood by spiritual men. (See Wednesday's Daily Reading, Romans 8:1-8.) However, when the Holy Spirit deals with a man, he is regenerated, renewed, converted,

or "born again." He has a new life principle and desire.

We have also used the term "converted," which means to be turned around. The man going south now goes north, and the sinner, instead of going to destruction, is on his way to heaven. Another term is to be "born again." (Read John 3:21 at this point.) Nicodemus did not understand this idea of Jesus. To put it as simply as possible, Jesus means we must be born anew, that is, receive a new life from God.

We have now used the term "new birth," "regeneration," and "conversion" synonymously. Theologically there is a difference between regeneration and conversion, but for the purposes of our study we shall define them as the same.

Brother, Are You Saved?

Have you ever heard this expression? There is not necessarily anything wrong with it except that it may suggest that conversion must be the same kind of experience for everyone. Some Christians insist that no one is genuinely converted unless he can tell us the day and the hour. There are different types of conversion.

The first type of conversion experience is like that of Timothy's. This is of the young person who has been born and reared in a Christian home. He has always been taught to love Christ. He has always accepted Him as Lord. This person needs to consciously accept Christ as Saviour, but he has no "deep, dark past." However, his experience of conversion is real.

The second type of conversion is that of gradual conversion. Some people become Christians only after a long period of time. Gradually their attitude toward God, Christ, and the church changes. Eventually, however, they are thoroughly convinced Christians.

The third type is sudden conversion like that of the apostle Paul. Suddenly on the road to Damascus, Saul became Paul by the power of the Holy Spirit. This type of conversion is the most spectacular. This is the thing many evangelists like to talk about. However, it does not make this experience any more genuine than the others.

Finally, there are conversion and also re-conversion. Some experience a second and third time the power of God. It is easy to argue that in the first or second instance the experience was not genuine. However, something must have been experienced.

How to Get Saved

Have you ever heard someone suggest that people ought to get saved? This idea seems to be that if you do a, b, c, and d in that order, you will be saved. If you use

certain Bible verses and ask certain questions, you are sure to get results.

But let us remember that conversion is not automatic! Conversion or regeneration is a gift of God. (Have someone read Monday's Bible Reading, John 1:9-13.) It is not of blood, not of the will of man, but of God! We must constantly pray for God's gift and power in this regard.

Sometimes conversion arises from a sense of personal need. We have no aim or purpose in life and are completely unhappy. Sometimes conversion arises out of a sense of guilt and sin. This is always present eventually, but it is sometimes the moving force in conversion. Sometimes conversion arises out of a fear of hell, but it may also arise out of a love for Christ and a desire for heaven. If we can only remember these possibilities, we will realize that no one can actually be pressured into the kingdom of God.

(Here you might ask members of your group to discuss the reasons for their conversions. List them on the chalkboard so that all may be confronted with them.)

What Then?

The person who is converted is changed. (Read Ezekiel 11:19,20.) Now his life is filled with the fruit of the Spirit. (Read Galatians 5:22,23.) Now the new person desires to do all the will of God. Now his life is filled with happiness and peace and joy.

What about You?

The most important thing about this topic is that we must now ask ourselves if this miracle of the grace of God has taken place in our lives. Have we consciously accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour? Are the fruits of the new life apparent in our lives?

Just as I am, Thine own to be,
Friend of the young, who lovest me,
To consecrate myself to Thee,
O Jesus Christ, I come.

(Here you may want to invite your minister to speak personally to the members of your society concerning the matter of their regeneration.)

Suggested Hymns

Give of Your Best to the Master; Blessed Assurance; Jesus Saves; I Surrender All; and I Need Jesus

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

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Stewardship of Love

No. 4 in a Series: "Thresholds"

Proverbs 14:1; Ephesians 5:25-28

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Delno W. Brown

To the Leader

You should realize that this is the fourth in a series of topics on the thresholds across which young people will soon cross. Since this is the concluding topic, you should point out during the meeting that a choice must be made in each area that is the will of God—schooling, vocation, conversion, and even life companionship.

Many young people do not realize that God's will must be followed in courtship and marriage as well as other areas of life. Your purpose should be that the members of your society will comprehend that the ability to love is a gift from God and that it must always be used as a stewardship to Him. It is not to be squandered selfishly, but devoted to God and the service of Christ. It is especially important that young people grasp this point as they begin to look forward to choosing a life companion. If this can be accomplished, the homes established will undoubtedly be happy and lasting instead of tragic and temporary.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *The Love of God*
Call to Worship: John 3:16, 17
Hymns: *My Saviour's Love; I Would Be Like Jesus*
Sentence Prayers
Offering and Announcements
Special Music: *O Perfect Love*, Gurney, or another hymn about human love
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 14:1; Ephesians 5:25-28
Topic Introduction by Leader
Buzz Groups
Group Reports
Group Interview
Closing Summary
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Benediction

Topic Introduction

What is love? Introduce the topic by asking the question and constructing a definition with the help of your society members. You might list on the chalkboard suggestions which are made in reply to your question.

Refer also to other resources such as an English dictionary, a Bible dictionary, and a thesaurus in forming your definition. You may want to point out that the Old Testament uses the word *ahab* for both the love of God and the love of man, signifying devotion or desire to accomplish a high purpose.

The New Testament uses both *phileo* and *agapao* to signify love, but generally the latter, meaning a sacrificial and unmerited concern for the welfare of another.

Do not fail to contrast this Biblical concept of love with the secular view of love as a selfish desire to satisfy one's own physical desires in a relationship with others. It has been pointed out that the modern symbol of love is a movie queen on a calendar instead of Jesus Christ on the cross.

However, it is the latter that is the greatest expression of true love ever witnessed by man. You might point out several examples from the Bible and other sources—Hosea and Gomer, Jonathan and David, Ruth and Naomi, Paul and the Philippians, and Elisabeth Elliot and the Aucas. All these are genuine expressions of love, but God's gift of His only Son to the world is the greatest of all.

It is this same love that is granted by the Holy Spirit to all who follow Christ (read *Romans 5:5*) and that is to be expressed in our relationship with others—in even courtship and marriage. Challenge the members of your society to consider these areas of life from this viewpoint.

Buzz Groups

Divide your society into buzz groups of equal numbers of participants to discuss three subjects in a study of the stewardship of love—love and courtship, love and marriage, and love and divorce.

Allow about ten minutes for the groups to discuss their assignments by means of the questions suggested under the following headings. You should then call the entire society together again and devote about ten minutes to hearing reports from the three buzz groups. When assigning youth to the three groups, you will probably want to appoint a spokesman for each.

Love and Courtship

1. How can one know the will of God as to whom he should date and what he should do on dates?
2. What are some of the qualities which a Christian youth should love in another of the opposite sex?
3. How can one express the love of God in dating and courtship? (Consult *I Corinthians 13:4-7*)

Love and Marriage

1. What responsibility does Ephesians 5:22-24 place upon the husband?
2. How can the husband love his wife as Christ loved the church? (See *Ephesians 5:25-28*)
3. What effect will one's love for God have upon the choice of a wife or husband?

Love and Divorce

1. Some statistics indicate that three out of five marriages end in divorce today. Can the love of God overcome the desire for divorce?

2. Does the Bible allow divorce for reasons whatsoever? (Consult *Matthew 19:1* and *I Corinthians 7:15*)

3. What should the attitude of the church toward those who have been divorced?

Group Interview

The reports by the buzz groups will probably not have settled all the problems which have been discussed, but instead will have aroused other questions which various members of your society will want to ask.

Therefore, it will be advisable to arrange for two or three guests to attend at least a portion of your meeting in order to serve as a resource panel. A doctor, a parent, teacher, a social worker, and your minister might be considered for this purpose, but surely no more than three of them should be asked to serve. Be sure they understand the purpose and the time of their coming.

Set aside at least 15-20 minutes for questions to be proposed to your guests. If the group is slow in raising questions, here are some suggestions:

1. What forces are responsible for setting the standards of sexual behavior today?
2. Can sexual sins ever be forgiven?
3. At what age do you think young people should begin to go steady?
4. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of early marriage?
5. What are some of the safeguards against getting married too young?
6. What are some of the signs of maturity which indicate a person is old enough for marriage?
7. What is the reason for the increase in premarital pregnancies?
8. Is it all right for a Protestant to marry a Roman Catholic if both feel they are genuinely in love?
9. Can the sin of divorce be forgiven?
10. Is a marriage between two Christians necessarily Christian?

Closing Summary

The topic leader or the minister or counselor should give a summary as a closing feature of the meeting. It would be appropriate to read *I Corinthians 13* as a whole and stress that the love of God is to be the controlling force in every relationship in the Christian life. Romance and marriage and life itself will be complete only when one's love is reborn and renewed at Calvary.

Provide a few minutes of silence in which each may pray silently for forgiveness where he has failed to love truly and for guidance in order that he may express the love of God as only He can help him to do.

Then sing your closing hymn and use Ephesians 3:17-21 as your benediction, beginning to read thus, "May Christ dwell in your hearts by faith. . . ."

Eternal Life—a Promise

No. 4 in a Series: "In the Christian's Vocabulary"

Matthew 19:16-29



Junior High (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 24

Comments by Mrs. George West*

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1. To learn what eternity means to the Christian.
2. To consider how we may inherit eternal life.
3. To realize that God has promised eternal life to the believer.

Publicity

Display a poster with ETERNITY HERE? Make these letters large. Scatter around the words, pictures that may depict eternity for the Christian and for the unbeliever. Ideas may include pearly gates, ivory pits, streets of gold, heavenly angels, the throne of God, Satan with horns, etc. In easy readable form, write the five W's—that, where, when, why, and who.

Bomb your Sunday school class with tissue paper bombs. On thin tissue paper write If these were made of hydrogen, where would you spend eternity? Come help us discuss this issue in Christian Endeavor tonight. Add time, place, etc. Roll these bombs and tie them with a string, rubber band, or ribbon. Let them fall through the air and land on the young people present.

The poster alternative could be a crossroads. One road should be straight, narrow, and pointing the way to heaven. The other should be crooked, and pointing the way to hell. A youth should be shown at the intersection with the indication that he is trying to made a decision.

Suggested Program Outline

Opening Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Opening Prayer

Songs—*Is It the Crowning Day? Jesus Calls Us; Lead On, O King Eternal; There's a New Day Dawning; and He Lives* are suggestions.

Announcements

Offering

Special Music: A vocal number about heaven

Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:16-29

Sentence Prayers

Topic Discussion

Closing Song: *Now I Belong to Jesus*

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Forever and Ever

The word "eternal" means unending, without termination, forever and ever, etc.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is eternal life?
2. When does eternal life begin?
3. How does belief in eternal life affect our attitude toward earthly life?
4. What will be our rewards in heaven?
5. Are rewards promised to the Christian in the earthly life?

This is the kind of life God is promising when He promises eternity. It is life forever and ever, without end. To us, seventy or eighty years seem like a very long time, almost endless. However, in God's sight this is a very short interval of time. Even a thousand years are like a day to God (see Psalm 90:4).

Eternity is the most important thing for all of us. How important then it is for us to be positive of our salvation so that we will be sure to inherit the greatest thing in life. No money can buy it for us. No amount of material things can make any difference. The things that count for eternity are all spiritual.

An Inheritance

How may I obtain this eternal inheritance? We know that to inherit anything, someone must die and leave something to be inherited. Jesus did exactly this so that we might inherit eternal life. Then He arose the third day to prove He is Lord and Christ. All this was necessary so that we would know He is God's Son who dwelt among men to teach and instruct men and finally to redeem us by His blood shed on the cross for the remission of sin.

God has promised eternal life to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour. John 14:2,3 states, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. There is room for all who believe, and a place is set aside for each. He will not deceive us. Jesus has gone to obtain for us the right to be with Him. He is preparing this place for us and interceding for us so that we will be able to possess it in eternity.

The Beginning

Our life on earth is brief. James 4:14 states, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." Is it necessary that we die at the end of this physical life? Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). Upon believing in Christ the believer passes from death to life. The time is coming when we will all be judged. Every Christian will rise to the life everlasting, and sin-

ners will rise from physical death to eternal death. The former will be an act of grace, and the latter an act of justice.

Our Rewards

There are many rewards to the Christian life (see Luke 18:28-30). In the humility of our heart, we must be conscious of the required surrender which we have made. We give our all to Christ, and He in turn rewards us richly. He reconstructs our human relationships and affections. He calls this a hundredfold more than what we sacrificed. We must remember that Christ was persecuted and crucified before this transfer could take place. The best reward is yet to come; it is life everlasting. All these promises are for everyone who will give up his all for the cause of Christ.

He gives us a newness of life (read Romans 6:4-13.) By baptism with Christ unto death we are buried with Him. We are made partakers of His burial, for it is through baptism that we publicly enter into His death. By this public act we sever our last connection with that whole sinful condition and life which Christ brought to an end in His death. Like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we rise to walk in newness of life.

God promises the believer not only an abundance of blessings on earth, but everlasting life as well. Jesus said, "And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Matthew 19:29).

Discussion

Have you ever wondered what the experience would be like to save the life of a child dashing in front of a car or drowning in a lake or pool? You would have had an overwhelming desire to save the child at the risk of your own safety. Would you expect the child to be grateful to you for saving his life, or would you expect him to ignore you, to turn his back on you, and not even to recognize that you helped him? You say you wouldn't be doing it for thanks, but yet you would expect him to be grateful if old enough to understand gratitude.

Christ has saved our lives! He did not do it for thanks, but not for abuse either. He wants us to show our appreciation through loving Him and living for Him. He doesn't want us to dishonor Him after He has gone through all the pain of the cross for us. He has saved us from enduring this pain by bearing it Himself. The least we can do is thank Him for all this, and then live our appreciation day by day by loving and being obedient to his commands. (Ask the group to name some of Christ's commandments and discuss how obedience to each one expresses our gratitude to Him. Discuss also how obedience to each is a preparation for eternal life.)

Broken Body, Shed Blood

I Corinthians 11:23-30

(World-Wide Communion Sunday)



Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER 1

Comments by Dr. Lawrence M. Bixler*

Promoting the Meeting

Posters could be used effectively in advertising this meeting. The Lord's Supper as the universal practice of the universal church should be emphasized. A colored picture post card of an interpretation of the Last Supper can be secured by sending 10c to The Lord's Supper, 6209 Sunset Drive, Fort Worth 16, Texas. This could be used on the poster.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:28

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

Scripture: I Corinthians 11:23-30

Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Sentence Prayers

Announcements and Offering

Hymn: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Presentation of Topic

Questions for Discussion

Benediction

Universality of the Lord's Table

The Lord's table is one of the universal marks of the church. In fact, from the beginning of the church this is a practice which made the church "the church." It is quite commonly accepted that the church began on the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ. Peter had preached a sermon which had as its center Jesus Christ. Men were called upon to believe, to repent, and to obey Him. There were three thousand who responded and were baptized on that day. It was said of these three thousand, "and they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)—All Scripture in this topic treatment is from the Revised Standard Version).

As one reads the text of our topic we note that it is assumed that the Lord's Supper was one of the practices in the assembling together (see I Corinthians 11:20-22). Not only was this a practice in the church of the first century, but a study of the history of the church will reveal that it has been a practice of the church through twenty centuries. Even though various interpretations have been placed upon its meaning and other matters with respect to its observance, it is still looked upon as an appropriate expression of the church's universal nature.

It should be further noted that not only the practice of the observance of the Lord's table is universal, but that there are universal elements used on the Lord's table,

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OUR PURPOSES

1. To note the universality of the Lord's Supper.
2. To realize its meaning.
3. To consider attitudes that will make participation in the Lord's Supper most profitable.

bread and drink. Bread is indeed "the staff of life." It is the most common type of food. It is available throughout the whole world. It is used to satisfy one of the basic needs of man. When Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone," He recognized that man must have bread by which to live, but He was saying that this is not the only need of man.

Another basic need of man is that of drink. In fact, psychologists state that this is one of the strongest drives within man. Man's body is over 90% water. Unless sufficient liquid is taken into the body, man's whole organism will not function properly. Men cannot exist where there is no water. This is the reason that deserts are uninhabited.

Meaning of the Lord's Table

The elements alone do not make the Lord's table. It is the meaning attached to these elements which makes it unique. Paul stated that he had received from the Lord not only the emblems but their meaning as well. Paul believed that partaking of the bread was a participation in the body of Christ (see I Corinthians 1:16, 17). This is so because it is a remembrance of the death of Christ for our sin. It is a present dedication to serve in His body. It is a hope of the church triumphant when Christ comes again (see I Corinthians 11:24-26).

As one has a recurring need for physical bread, he likewise has a need for spiritual food. There is the need to remember that we are sinners redeemed by God's grace. We need to remember that since we are redeemed our lives are really not our own. As Paul has so aptly said, "You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (I Corinthians 6:19, 20).

Since we have been redeemed by Christ, we belong to him. To be sincere in the participation at the table brings one to deeper commitment to the service of Christ. It is an assurance that the cause of Christ will ultimately win. Woodrow Wilson is reputed to have said, "I would rather fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail." At times we may feel that we are failing because we have chosen to follow Christ. But we have the assurance that His Kingdom will triumph. As we partake of the bread, in faith, we will have this assurance of victory.

The cup, Jesus said, "is the new covenant in my blood" (I Corinthians 11:25). The

blood is representative of life. Jesus gave His life for us, and we should give our lives to Him. This means that our bodies are to be presented as living sacrifices to Him (see Romans 12:1,2). This describes the kind of a life that God wants us to live.

Participation at the Lord's Table

Paul had a good deal to say about the manner in which we partake of the Lord's Supper (read I Corinthians 11:27-32). We must always be aware that this is a sacred service. We should never approach it lightly or in a careless manner. We should think about God's love for us and Christ's saving grace. It necessitates our being in an attitude of prayer. We should never cease to thank God for our redemption. Likewise, we should come confessing our sins, asking for forgiveness and for courage to live victoriously.

Questions for Discussion

1. What are some things that have helped you to make the communion more meaningful? Make a list of these on the chalkboard.
2. Paul talked about taking communion in a worthy manner. Some feel that they cannot take of communion if they have sinned. What do you think of this?
3. Some folks have gone on a hunting or fishing trip over a week end. They feel that they have not missed anything because they had their own worship or communion service. What do you think about such a practice?

Suggested Resources

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Goff, Charles Roy. *Invitation to Commune*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1959

Wyon, Olive. *The Altar Fire: Reflections on the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1954

Suggested Projects

Your youth group could sponsor a display center in an appropriate place in the church. Posters, objects, and books which would point up the importance and meaning of the Lord's Supper in the Christian's life could be used. You should consult your minister about this.

You could also purchase or sponsor the purchasing of some good books on the Lord's Supper for the church library. If your church does not have a library, you might purchase some for the public library. Those suggested in the resources for this meeting are some suggestions.

Fellowship

No. 1 in a Series: "Ships of the Church"

I John 1:3-7
(World-Wide Communion Sunday)



Junior High (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 1

Comments by Mrs. Donald McFadden*

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Bible Service and Prayer
The Beginnings of Fellowship (tape recording)
Old Testament Examples (narrator and character portrayals)
New Testament Times and Now
Beliefs Necessary for Fellowship (buzz sessions)
The True Source of Fellowship (Scripture search)
Fellowship Illustrated (chalk picture and talks by teens)

Instructions

If time doesn't permit the use of all the material, the Scripture search or chalk picture could be omitted. Instructions for each of these are given in italics throughout the lesson. Look up the meaning of "fellowship" in a dictionary for background material.

The Beginnings of Fellowship

Record the following information on tape or have someone give it in person.

In the beginning God created Adam and Eve in His likeness. We are not told much about the fellowship between these two and God, but it evidently was God's habit to come to the garden and talk with Adam and Eve every day. The three of them had real fellowship together because they were sharing experiences and possessions.

When Adam and Eve sinned against God, that fellowship was broken. They were driven out of the garden, and no longer did God walk and talk with them as He had before. It must have been lonely and very hard for them to adjust to a world that was so completely different from what God had given them the privilege of enjoying. So it is when we live in sin; it is a hard and lonely life. We need fellowship with God!

Old Testament Examples

As the narrator reads about the Old Testament men who had fellowship with God, have a young person or persons act out or portray each of the characteristics. Suggestions are given for some characteristics. You'll be able to think of more. Alternate suggestion: Use these character portrayals as twenty questions. After they have been acted out, have the group guess what the characteristics are.

Abraham is an excellent example of fellowship between God and man. In three different references (Isaiah 41:8; II Chronicles 20:7; James 2:23) Abraham is called

"the friend of God." Let's take a look at some of Abraham's characteristics which might help us to know why and how he had such fellowship with God.

OBEDIENT—he left home and friends at the call of God (Genesis 12:1-5). *Show a young man bidding good-by to his family and friends and leaving on a long trip.*

UNSELFISH—he gave Lot the first choice of the land (Genesis 13:5-13). *Two men discuss together and gesture with their hands as though discussing the land around them. They then come to a decision.*

COURAGEOUS—he defeated the robber kings (Genesis 14:13-16).

BENEVOLENT—he gave tithes to Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20).

WONDERFUL IN FAITH—he was willing to offer up his only son, Isaac (Genesis 22:1-14).

Moses also was called a "friend of God" but with a distinction that very few had the privilege of experiencing. Exodus 33:11 states that the Lord spoke unto Moses face to face as unto a friend. Moses' life and Christ's had much in common. This parallel might tell us why God talked to him as a friend.

Both were preserved in childhood (Exodus 2:2-10; Matthew 2:14,15). *Suggestions for a skit are given only for Moses' life. The reference concerning Christ's might be read. A doll in a basket is hidden. One girl is hidden, watching while another girl with her maid comes along and finds the babe.*

Both fasted forty days (Exodus 34:28; Matthew 4:2). *Tear pages off a calendar to show the passing of the forty days. Put food before a person who refuses it, to show fasting.*

Both had radiant faces (Exodus 34:35; Matthew 17:2).

Both made intercessory prayers (Exodus 32:32; John 17:9).

Both reappeared after death (Matthew 17:3; Acts 1:3).

New Testament Times and Now

Fellowship between God and believers reached a higher level of expression in New Testament times. Fellowship was possible in a more complete manner because now it involved a relationship with Christ and the Holy Spirit and was available to everyone who experienced the forgiveness of sin. This is still true today.

This fellowship led to the establishment of little groups of believers, or brothers and comrades in faith. This fellowship was brought about because of the common experience of the living, resurrected Christ. These fellowships became the earliest Christian churches, and today there are many different churches or denominations. These differ in some of their beliefs, methods, or forms of organization. But no matter what

the church or denomination, there can be fellowship between believers if they hold basic beliefs in common. These beliefs will now be discussed in buzz sessions.

Beliefs Necessary for Fellowship

If the group is large enough, divide into three sections. An adult may lead each section. Allow about ten minutes for discussion and then report conclusions to the entire group.

GROUP I: BELIEF IN THE BIBLE

Questions for discussion: What is the purpose of the Bible? Should teen-agers read it? Can we get anything out of it? Why did God give it to us? Consult II Timothy 3:15; I Peter 2:2; II Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:9,11.

GROUP II: THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST

Questions for discussion: Was Christ divine, or was He just a good man? Consult Luke 22:69,70; Matthew 3:17; 16:16; 17:5.

GROUP III: THE HOLY SPIRIT

Questions for discussion: What is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Consult Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:13; Romans 8:16; John 6:63; 14:16; 16:13.

Scripture Search

Either have one person look up the Scripture or have the entire group look it up, read it, and comment on what it means.

Walking with God: Genesis 5:24; 6:9; Malachi 2:6; Revelation 3:4.

God dwelling with men: Exodus 29:45; Isaiah 57:15; Zechariah 2:10.

Fellowship with Christ: John 15:4; I Corinthians 1:9; Colossians 3:3.

Fellowship with the Holy Spirit: John 14:16,17; Romans 8:9; Galatians 4:6.

Fellowship of Christians: John 17:11; Acts 1:14; Colossians 2:2; J John 1:3,7.

Fruitage of fellowship: John 15:5,8.

Fellowship with the world forbidden: Isaiah 52:11; Acts 2:40; Ephesians 5:11.

Fellowship Illustrated (Chalk Talk)

The topic tonight can be summed up by presenting the four basic principles of Christian Endeavor with a chalk picture. Picture four pillars upon which a roof rests. As the following talks are given, title each pillar. When the talks have been finished, title the roof, Fellowship in Christian Endeavor.

Have each of four young people prepare a two-minute talk on one of the four principles of Christian Endeavor: Confession of Christ (Romans 10:9,10); Service for Christ (I Corinthians 15:57,58); Loyalty to Christ's Church (Hebrews 10:25); and Fellowship with Christ's People (I John 1:7).

One source of help for material is A Program Guide for Christian Endeavor Societies. Check with your counselor.

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Jesus Teaches New Values

No. 1 in a Series: "Jesus Teaches"

Matthew 5:1-16

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder*

Our Aim

The aim of every Bible study should be to consider what God has to say to *me* through His Word. This can happen only as one asks the Holy Spirit to lead him into the truth that God has for him. God's Word is His personal message to His children. It should be read and studied with the interest one has in reading a letter from his best friend. This is the aim of our study of the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount.

Introduction

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable," said the apostle Paul to Timothy (II Timothy 3:16). It is profitable for doctrine or teaching, for reproof or showing one his mistakes, for correction or showing one the right thing to do, for instruction in righteousness or teaching one how to live by the principles of Christ. The values we place upon things in life are determined by the principles by which we live. If we live by human principles, we place the greatest values on material and intellectual things. If we live by Christian principles, we seek first "the Kingdom of God and his righteousness."

Approach

The Bible comes out of life. It is the record of real people doing real things in real periods of time. It is the record of God dealing with and revealing Himself to man. It shows how God desires to give man the best if man is willing to accept God and His best.

To be of value the Bible must be translated into life, your life and mine. To truly apply the Bible as the Word of Eternal Truth we must also accept Christ as "The Way, The Truth, and The Life."

Background

The Sermon on the Mount was a revolutionary message to the people to whom it was presented. The Jews of Jesus' day were well saturated with a materialistic philosophy. They were a very religious people, but their religion was primarily outward. They followed the ritual and laws of their religion to the letter, but the spirit and principle of the law were not a part of their thinking.

Jesus presented a new set of values that went to the very heart of the causes of man's sinfulness. He dealt with the values and principles that underlie the actions of man. The depth of His spiritual insight, the authority with which He taught, along with the perfect example of His principles evident in His own everyday life set before the people to whom He spoke a new standard of values. These new values were so far beyond the values taught by the

religious leaders of the day that they were very unpopular. They were unaccepted then just as they still are unaccepted by many today.

Our standard of values determines our actions. We will seek first those things on which we place the highest value. If we make the material and the physical things of life of greatest value, then of necessity the spiritual things of life will take a lesser place, for where one's treasure is there is his heart also.

Jesus dealt with eternal principles. Eternal values can be only spiritual, for the material and physical are constantly changing and passing away. True spiritual values are seen only as Christ is revealed by the Holy Spirit through God's Word.

Let us prayerfully turn now to Matthew 5:1-16 and see what He says to us therein. *(As you study together, you may want to read each verse in several versions.)*

Study of the Beatitudes

Read Matthew 5:3.

Let us study some words and phrases:

Blessed means happy, satisfied, favored with blessing, joyous, blissful, enjoying spiritual happiness.

Poor means wanting, needy, impoverished, destitute of some desirable quality, inadequate, not good in quality.

Spirit means the breath of life, or the life principle animating the body and mediating between body and soul, the gift of deity, hence the agent of conscious functions in man; the soul.

See references to the kingdom of heaven in Matthew 3:2, 6:9,10; Luke 17:20,21; John 3:3-5.

In light of Matthew 7:7-12 explain what Jesus is saying to us in the first Beatitude.

Read Matthew 5:4.

Now follow the same pattern of procedure to study this verse. Define your key words: mourn and comfort. Consider the following references: Psalm 34:18; 51:17 (define the word "contrite"); Joel 2:12,13; II Corinthians 7:10.

What are the causes of sorrow and mourning? Can there be true comfort without the removal of the cause of the pain? How do repentance, forgiveness, and faith in God bring comfort from sorrow and heartaches of all kind? In the case of mourning the death of loved ones in Christ, what is the relation of I Corinthians 15:54-58 to this Beatitude? Why do people often seek soothing rather than true comfort in time of distress and trouble?

Read Matthew 5:5.

See also Zephaniah 2:3; Luke 6:29; Galatians 5:22,23; James 1:21.

Read Matthew 5:6.

Righteousness has a two-dimensional aspect: a right relationship with God, and right relationships with all one's fellow men.

Hunger and thirst are the two most compelling expressions of human need. To lose one's appetite or desire for food and water is an indication of serious physical condition. Is the same thing true spiritually? What will happen if the condition is not corrected? With what will the person be filled who hungers and thirsts for righteousness? See John 4:13,14; 32-35; 6:35; 7:38; 15:1-7.

Read Matthew 5:7.

What does it mean to be merciful? See Micah 7:18; Titus 3:5; Lamentation 3:22,23; Proverbs 11:17; Luke 6:30-33. How does this principle agree with the principles generally practiced in everyday life? To what experiences in the everyday life of our group should this Beatitude apply?

Read Matthew 5:8.

Study Psalm 24:3,4; I Timothy 1:5; I Peter 1:22; John 14:3.

Why is purity of heart essential to our understanding of God's love? Is purity of heart essential to right living? What other passages of Scripture support your answer? What is the relation of purity of heart to the Christian's eternal hope? How can one heart be made pure? How can it be kept pure?

Read Matthew 5:9.

How does Paul define a peacemaker in Romans 14:19; Galatians 5:22; 6:2? What does it mean to be a child of God? Who are true children of God? See John 1:12 and Romans 8:14.

Read Matthew 5:10.

See also Matthew 10:22; Mark 13:9-13; 15:14,15,25; Acts 6:8-15; 7:59,60; 16:16-24.

What does it mean to be persecuted? Do Christians sometimes persecute other Christians? If so, why and how? Christians sometimes needlessly bring persecution upon themselves, through lack of prayerful planning and gracious and tactful action. How does this reflect on the cause of Christ? How can we be sure our persecution is truly for righteousness' sake?

Read Matthew 5:11, 12.

To be able to forgive misunderstanding and rejoice in the face of persecution is the ultimate in the test of one's faith in Christ. One needs to be constantly taking stock of his personal attitudes to make sure he is not indulging in self-pity when he is misunderstood and enjoying a martyr complex when he feels persecuted. When in the face of misunderstanding or persecution one feels his heart overflow with love for his persecutor and a sincere desire to do good for that person, then he knows what Jesus means as He uses the word "blessed" in this passage. Read also Matthew 5:38-48 and Romans 12:20,21.

How does one come to a place where he can respond according to the exhortation of Matthew 5:44?

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Friendship

No. 2 in a Series: "Ships of the Church"

Proverbs 18:24; 1 Samuel 18:1



Junior High (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 8

Comments by Rev. Edgar L. Mack*

OUR AIMS

1. To realize the value of true friends.
2. To discover the traits of true friends.
3. To build lasting friendships in Christian Endeavor.

Emotion

Try to make a poster of as many different persons as you can. A favorite television program of many is "Sing Along with Mitch." The chorus is composed of about 25 masculine voices. This group sings old songs and makes much out of them. However, the most refreshing part is the singers. The group of men vary in age, shape, and appearance. It is the kind of group that you would find in any neighborhood songfest. This is just what we have in mind. Make a poster that combines different youth in ties of warm friendship. Real friendships recognize the variety of personalities.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
 Prelude
 Call to Worship: Psalm 51:10-12
 Devotion
 Leader's Meditation
 Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*
 Scripture Reading: Proverbs 18:24; 1 Samuel 18:1
 Topic Presentation
 Hymn: *Jesus Never Fails*
 Offering and Announcements
 Benediction

to the Counselor

It is important to plan worship services carefully and prayerfully. The worship services should help each one to turn to God and face life with renewed courage. The service should lead one to seek ways for a better relationship with God and others. Help your Junior Highs to know that the worship service is a joint searching and growth in fellowship and understanding.

Leader's Meditation

The hymn *This Is My Father's World* was written by Dr. Maltbie D. Babcock. He was a minister and a friend of students. He had a strong working faith in God and a great love for nature. When our friends fail us, it is good to know that "God is the Ruler yet." Let us now sing this hymn.

The Scripture Story

David and Jonathan were friends in spite of danger, threats, and a wide difference in backgrounds. The friendship lasted because it was based on mutual respect and understanding. Friendship becomes cheap and degraded when persons attempt to "use" or "sneer" their friends.

True friendship makes room for weaknesses and differences. Each friend gives

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to the other with no expectation of returns or gains, because love never counts the cost. Love always goes the "second mile."

Can We Be Friends?

Friends are worth more than pure gold. Friends can help us and stand by us. How blessed is the faith of friends. Through them we receive courage and hope in times of trouble. What does friendship mean in the Scriptures? Let's listen to several passages now.

- 1st reader: Ruth 1:16,17
 2nd reader: 1 Kings 5:1-10
 3rd reader: 1 Samuel 19:1-7
 4th reader: Job 2:11-13
 5th reader: John 15:14,15
 6th reader: 1 Corinthians 13

Can we be friends? If we wanted to place this question in psychological language, we would ask, "How can I identify myself with others?" "Identification" is a popular term nowadays. Youth need to "identify." Youth need to belong. Youth need to feel wanted.

This need is so strong that sometimes it manifests itself as undesirable behavior such as "gang fights," "drag races," and the wrong emphasis upon school sports. If this discussion will help us to be true friends and make our friendships Christian, our lives and communities may be changed in significant ways.

One of the most important and difficult skills for boys and girls to learn is an attitude of friendliness toward persons of different backgrounds, races, and social statuses than their own. If the attitude of friendship is learned now, it will serve us throughout our lives as an effective barrier against hatred, jealousy, and prejudice.

Each one of us must search his own heart and mind to determine how important the principle of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is in his own life. Jesus stressed the sacredness of the personality in the sight of God. To be a friend, one must have a deep respect for the personality of another person. This cannot be just talked; it must be demonstrated. We can build lasting friendships in Christian Endeavor by working on committees, doing projects, and engaging in other creative activities.

Making Our Friendships Last

It is so easy for us to disagree, to argue, to hate, and to hold grudges. In our day it seems hard to keep lasting friends. One thing that will help our friendships last is to learn how to get along at home. Our home relationships are very important.

One of the easiest things for any Junior High to want is to be first: on the first team, first in line for lunch, first to be out the door when school is out. Even at home many of us want the biggest piece of cake, the easiest job, or the television program we want to watch. Even the twelve disciples of Jesus had arguments over first place. Jesus pointed out that the greatest thing of all is to serve and forget our own wish to be first. This will help to make our friendships last.

"Everybody's Doing It"

There are many of us who do not smoke, drink, dance, or attend certain kinds of movies. Yet there are many of our friends who think that such things are acceptable. Some of our friends accept Christ rather passively with little thought about what a person ought to do in his daily life. Many of us face this problem also.

Following the crowd and doing as you please may be fine when it comes to a matter of ice cream flavors or dress designs. But this principle cannot be applied to train schedules or druggist's prescriptions or driving or marriage.

A Christian must live by higher standards at all times. Right desires govern the behavior of the Christian. A Christian will not do anything that will harm his personality or the personalities of others. He discovers that there are good and bad movies, good and bad books, and good and bad kinds of all activities.

Here's what we can do. If our friend is doing something undesirable, we can find opportunity to talk with him. Explain that if he really cares for us and himself, he will discontinue whatever he is doing. He will gain new respect for himself. After explaining why the act is morally wrong, if he really cares, he will listen and respond on these terms of mutual respect.

When Friends Fail

When friends fail, we can turn to God. When God manages the dark powers in our lives, they no longer control us. In Jesus we can find strength and courage for every need. Jesus called His disciples "friends." There is no doubt that Jesus looks upon His followers as friends and with deep affection.

Once Jesus said that a man could show no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. And that is what Jesus did: on Calvary he laid down His life for us—His friends.

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you ask more than your share in your friendships?
2. Would you be happier with several friends rather than one?
3. Do you tire of your friends? Why?
4. How does Christian Endeavor offer opportunities for lasting friendships?



Jesus Teaches New Authority

No. 2 in a Series: "Jesus Teaches"

Matthew 5:17-20

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas*

Promoting the Meeting

Make as many posters as you need to place in strategic spots in the church and Sunday school announcing the meeting, its time and place, and the subject. The poster can feature a huge club on the left side and an open Bible on the right side. Between them print the words *Which authority do you acknowledge?* Beneath these words place the figure of a young person with a questioning look on his face. Also, have the meeting announced in the church bulletin and from the pulpit.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Recorded Organ Music
Call to Worship
Hymn: *O Worship the King*
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20
Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Presentation and Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Benediction

Why Authority?

Have you ever considered how much life is regulated by authority? One would be hard pressed to name an area of personal and corporate existence where some form of authority does not prevail. In the home, school, business world, on the highways, the seas, in the air, in the courts, the government, international relationships there is a basic authority that governs and sets the standards of behavior and belief.

This is as it ought to be. If some type of authority were not acknowledged, then chaos would result instead of order through each person being a law unto himself. (Read *Judges 21:25 which sums up the chaotic era recorded in that book.*) Confusion rather than purposefulness would characterize the affairs of individuals and society. Uncertainty instead of assurance would be the atmosphere in which people would attempt to order their lives and affairs, since what would seem to be right to one would be deemed wrong by another. How long could men endure such a state of affairs? How long could society carry on its existence and make progress in such a welter of confusion?

Since authority is necessary for orderliness and certainty in personal and corporate affairs, the question that arises is: What authority, or whose authority should be accepted? Authority can be good or bad depending on its source and its purpose. In

OUR PURPOSE

Since authority is necessary in life, let us seek to discover that authority whose guidance will promote our best interests in this world and the next and, having found it, follow it.

Hitler's Germany or Khrushchev's Russia authority is about as absolute as you will find in the pages of history. But is it good? From where has it come? What is it seeking to accomplish? Does this authority honor God or glorify naked power? Does it honor the dignity of man or debase him to the level of a cog in a machine? Does it promote the well-being of society or sacrifice society for the glory of the impersonal entity called the state?

The Old Authority

Jesus was no stranger to authority. He lived in a time when the authority of Rome, as heartless and despotic as any the world has known, governed the public and corporate life of the peoples under its sway. In matters of religion and morals, Jesus was under the authority of the law and the prophets, that is, the Old Testament, especially as it was interpreted by the rabbis.

In both instances, authority had been perverted by man to serve selfish ends rather than establish the rule of God on earth and in the hearts of men. Rome sought to perpetuate itself and its extravagant way of life at the expense of subject peoples. Judaism, as represented in the two leading groups—Pharisees and Sadducees—interpreted the commands of God to its own advantage until it had destroyed the spirit and intent of them, making the practice of religion a matter of the lips, not the heart; an external performing, not an internal reforming. To continue in this fashion men would be separated from God, from each other, and from their noble destiny which would end in chaos, anarchy, and despair.

The New Authority

The time had arrived when a halt had to be called to man's headlong rush to destruction through such a perversion of authority that substituted the will of man for the will of God and the purpose of man for the purpose of God. Such did Jesus undertake to do. As the Son of God He knew well the purpose of His heavenly Father in having created man and the world as well as the means of achieving it, and so He was the one person who could do it.

To re-establish the authority of God in spiritual matters, personal behavior, and social relationships Jesus set forth the commands of God revealed through the law of Moses and the prophets stripped of the qualifying and restrictive additions of men and gave life to them by breathing into

them the spirit of love. (Read *Matthew 5:21-48 to perceive how this was accomplished.*) Over and over again the expressions used by Jesus are: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time" and "But I say unto you." In each instance not how Jesus took a command of God, free it from the legalistic interpretation placed upon it which often negated the intent of God, and set it forth so that it involved the motive in the heart as well as the outward act.

Not only did Jesus teach with authority which people recognized through the responsive chord which such struck in the innermost being (see *Matthew 7:28,29; Mark 1:22; 12:37; John 7:46*), but He also demonstrated that authority with His words and His life, which were but His words in action. (In this connection read *John 3:1-11 which contains the admission of that admirable, learned man Nicodemus.*) Consider the effect of His behavior on the cross as revealed in the confession of the Roman centurion in *Matthew 27:54*. Only One who knew whereof He spoke could convince people of His authority, and only One who was convinced of the truth of what He spoke could demonstrate that authority by living in accord with it.

Conclusion

Since all of us need and desire an authority for guidance in living so that we may fulfill the purpose for which we have been created, what better authority could we follow than Jesus Christ, whose words ring true as our hearts acknowledge, whose life confirms the truth of them for in Him was no sin, whose death for them reveals His devotion to what He taught and of whom God said, "This is my beloved Son; hear him" (Luke 9:35)?

But Jesus can only become our authority when we are willing to surrender our all in obedience to His will and allow His spirit of love to permeate our being so that every word, thought, and deed will express His concern for others and the things dear to God's heart. This will come to pass when we can say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20).

Illustration

In the time of Henry VIII of England the leading ecclesiastical figure was Cardinal Wolsey. In order to indulge his luxurious tastes to the limit he found it to his advantage to serve the king in many questionable ways. Eventually his services were no longer needed, and his presence proved an embarrassment so that he was removed from office and stripped of his wealth. Not long afterward as he was lying on his deathbed he was heard to say, "Had I served my God half as well as I served my king I would not be in the sorry state that is my lot." Is this not the eventual regret of every man who submits himself to an authority other than God's?

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Leadership

No. 3 in a Series: "Ships of the Church"

II Timothy 2:1-5,15



Junior High (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 15

Comments by Rev. Chester D. Hirschy*

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Hymns: *Jesus Calls Us; Living for Jesus*
Introduction of Guests
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Reading: II Timothy 2:1-5,15;
I Corinthians 9:24-27
Topic Discussion
Consecration
Closing Hymn: *Where He Leads Me*
Benediction

Preparation

Place a lot of colorful decorations in our meeting room. These could be in the form of various sports designs such as footballs, baseballs, and basketballs.

Mail out invitations for the meeting in the same designs. Stress that the topic will help youth to realize how all may be leaders for Christ in the game of life.

A sports party might be incorporated into the meeting. Teams might be formed, and various games might be played before or after the meeting. Refreshments might be served in keeping with the theme. Sandwiches or ice cream might be served in the shape of baseballs or footballs.

This would be a good opportunity to invite school friends to attend the meeting. You might advertise that there will be an admission charge to the meeting—a school friend who has not attended one of your meetings before.

Leader's Introduction

As we look at the term "leadership" we soon see that there are various areas that we could consider. For our purpose tonight let us stay with the term as it relates to the Christian life. When we say that there is a Christian leader, we mean that there goes someone who can and will lead other people into a victorious life with Jesus.

There is a story told about a little girl who grew up in a home where the mother was a Christian leader and the father was a man of sin and always laughed at the mother's dedication. God called the mother to heaven and the daughter grew up into womanhood. At twenty she was going to get married. The night before the wedding she and her husband-to-be went for a boat ride and she fell out. On the way home she became ill, and a few days later she was dying. On her deathbed she looked at her father and said, "Daddy, you always said that there was nothing to this religion of Mother's. Now I am dying, and I am wondering which way should I take

—Mother's way or your way?" With tears running from his eyes he replied, "Take Mother's way, take Mother's way!" So we see that the mother's leadership was leading even after death.

The Bible expresses ways for us to become leaders and tells us how to serve as leaders in the church. In the Scripture lesson Paul is giving instructions to everyone. How many of you have watched a track race? How many can win any one race? Yes, regardless of how close the other runners may be, only one can win. Yet Paul said that if we live according to Christ's commandments we can all be leaders for Him.

A Leader Will Go

A leader will go in the right direction. Never will he lead his followers the wrong way. Jesus said, "I am the way," which implies that He is the way for each one of us. To lead others in the right way is never easy, but if we will serve Christ faithfully, then we will always be able to lead others in His way. Think of a captain on a football team. He must know what plays to call in order that his team may win. A wrong call will lead the team into a loss, and possibly defeat.

Let us look at Paul, who was one of the greatest leaders for Christ. He was a leader because he was not afraid to go anywhere as a servant of Christ. He could take command of any situation that arose. One great example was the shipwreck experience on the voyage to Rome. The ship was sinking, and the men were ready to go overboard in a lifeboat when Paul halted them. He explained that God had assured him in prayer that if no one left the ship they would all reach safety—and they did.

In our day we might think about leadership in school, which might be while we are playing or studying or even discussing the Bible. A good illustration of this would be what happened in a close ball game. The score was tied, and a player slid into third base. The umpire called him out. The young man who was the third baseman said, "No, he is safe, for I never touched him." The fans and the rest of the team members were mad and called him names for his stand. But later in the game he was running home from second base, and the other team accused him of missing third base. While the rest of the team members on both sides argued, the umpire asked the young man if he touched third base. The young man replied, "Sir, I did touch the base." The umpire called him safe because he had told the truth before, and his run won the ball game. This is leadership of the highest quality.

A Leader Will Grow

A leader will also grow, because each new experience for Christ will give him added strength.

The Bible tells us to grow in knowledge (II Peter 3:18). It is a sad fact that many youth know more about basketball, football, car racing, swimming, movie stars, and many other things than they do about the most noted stories of the Bible. To grow in knowledge we must have spiritual food. The Bible tells us that we can receive food that will be a perfect spiritual diet. I Peter 2:2,3 states, "As newborn babies, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." Through this type of food we can receive knowledge and strength which will help us express leadership which other young people will respect.

To be strong we need to be able to overcome the everyday temptations of life. Jesus was tempted by the same tempter that we are today, and He overcame. Paul gives us hope in I Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

So when we meet temptation, let us turn to God for help, and He will provide the strength which we need in order to overcome it. If we are thus able to overcome temptation in our own lives, we will be able to help other youth to refrain from evil and to serve Christ in their lives too.

A Leader Will Glow

A leader will glow spiritually when he goes and grows for Christ and the church. To glow spiritually there must be inner fire. Remember that at our last wiener roast the wieners roasted better when the fire had died to a red glow. Sometimes fire is the hottest when the coals are glowing.

This is an illustration of our Christian life. If there is no glow, probably there is no inner fire to produce it. Leaders for Christ must have a personal relationship with Him in order to be inspired for daily service and witnessing to others. This relationship is maintained by observing a time for Bible study and prayer each day and by worshipping faithfully in the services of the church each Lord's Day. Thereby Christian youth receive inward strength which helps them to glow spiritually and influence other youth to serve Christ.

Young people who glow spiritually follow Christ's admonition in I Timothy 4:12, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Consecration

Ask your counselor or minister to discuss various ways in which youth can be leaders in the total church. You may wish to issue the call to become Lifework Recruits. Folders and enrollment cards are available from the International Society.

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Jesus Teaches New Attitudes

No. 3 in a Series: "Jesus Teaches"

Matthew 6:1-14

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER 2

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess*

Publicity

Feature a measuring stick with words about it *What's New with You?* Of course state the time and place.

The Devotional Committee could assist the leader by sending out cards so that especially those the Lookout Committee found missing would be informed.

In the Bible School have a sharp officer mimic a "show-off," and then urge seriously that all come to the meeting to discuss new attitudes when Christ comes into one's life.

Room Arrangement

Since the Scripture is taken from the Sermon on the Mount, simulate an experience where the youth would sit about on the floor or at least have the chairs set in a semicircle about the leader. You might want to hold this meeting in someone's home so that it would be more informal.

Pre-Prayer Service

Be sure to invite all those who are to participate in the program to attend the pre-prayer service so that all can check on the program and make preparation through prayer.

Opening Moments

Dim the lights leaving a spot on a likeness of Christ. Let a hidden voice read the main Scripture portion from Matthew 6:1-14. Have a soloist follow with a verse of *My Jesus, I Love Thee*, followed by a brief invocation. Now, with lights full again, continue the service.

Leader's Introduction

II Corinthians 5:17 tells us that all things are new in Christ. For two weeks now we have been finding out new values and authority taught by Christ, and tonight we want to check up on our personal attitudes. Actually we can't expect to fulfill Christ's teachings unless the Spirit of God guides us. Let's take a look at God's standards for our lives. A number of attitudes are expressed in our topic Scripture and in the Daily Readings suggested for our preparation. How *you* measure up is the question we will keep before us.

NEW ATTITUDE #1—GIVING ALMS

Read Matthew 6:1-4.

Let the speaker look up the word "alms" in a Bible dictionary and study the Jewish customs to make the meaning clear.

Questions to be answered: What should be the purpose of my giving? Is it good to keep a record of tithing?

NEW ATTITUDE #2—PRAYER

Read Matthew 6:5-15.

Prayer is to consist of several elements according to the teaching here.

1. Recognizing the Father.
2. Giving thanks for what He has done.
3. Giving thanks for what He is doing.
4. Asking for daily physical needs.
5. Confessing our sins.
6. Asking for strength to resist wrong.
7. Ending on a note of praise.

Questions: By what means are we able to come to God and make our requests known? How do we end our prayers? Should we sermonize when praying? For whom should we pray? Should we have a prayer list? How can we have a forgiving spirit?

Sing a stanza of *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* and have two girls and two fellows to lead in prayer.

NEW ATTITUDE #3—FASTING

Read Matthew 6:16-18.

Study this Scripture and compare it with verses like II Corinthians 11:27. A Bible concordance will lead you to several references on fasting.

Questions: How can we fast today? What is the value of communion with God? Does fasting help?

NEW ATTITUDE #4—SAVING

Read Matthew 6:19-23.

Bring out the basis of enduring treasure in the heart of the Christian.

Questions: Is it wrong to have earthly treasures? What things can we really have forever? Do things or people keep our lives from pleasing God?

Sing *I'll Live for Him Who Died for Me*

NEW ATTITUDE #5—FORGIVING

Read Luke 17:3,4.

Express the thought of the "second mile" and the "other cheek" in human relations (see Matthew 5:41 and Luke 6:29). The soft reply rather than rebuff counts.

Questions: Is it easier to "face up" to a problem or "skip it"? Do we have to be our "brother's keeper"? How does one go about correcting another in love?

NEW ATTITUDE #6—TRUSTING

Read Matthew 6:30-34.

Romans 8:28 is still in the Bible, and God still provides adequately for all who love and trust Him.

Questions: How do I begin seeking first God's righteousness? How far ahead should one make plans? What is the proper balance in relation to God, family, and others?

Sing the second stanza of *Give of Your Best to the Master*.

NEW ATTITUDE #7—JUDGING

By citing the mote and beam of that day by explaining a modern illustration. New versions of the Bible may throw light here.

Questions: How do we recognize sin and deal with it in our own lives? Do you dare to help another by thoughtful reminders of his mistakes?

NEW ATTITUDE #8—FELLOWSHIP

Read Matthew 12:46-50.

Comment on the interest of Jesus' family

in what He was doing. Remember that His mother followed even to the cross and afterwards.

Questions: Do you feel "at home" with other Christians? Have you ever felt more "at home" with Christian friends than with non-Christian relatives? Have you any converts from your personal witnessing for Christ?

Sing stanzas three and four of *Living for Jesus*.

NEW ATTITUDE #9—WORSHIP

Read John 4:20-24.

A concordance will give ample verses for a few comments on worship.

Questions: What are some of the essentials of true worship? Is it easier to worship God in church, at the family altar, or in the secret of your own room?

NEW ATTITUDE #10—WITNESSING

Read John 5:10-16.

The Bible is full of instances of devotion by those who were saved out of sin. Point out how unashamed this man was.

Questions: What did God deliver you from when you were converted? What habits have fallen off in your life? Christ suffered because of this man's testimony; dare we share His suffering through our witnessing?

Sing *The Church's One Foundation*.

Closing

Close the meeting with an opportunity for each one to meditate upon his own life and on a prepared paper measuring stick to write a few attitudes in which he needs to make a real commitment to Christ.

Comments on Presentation

We would hope that your group is well able to discuss such questions as have been proposed. The leader should have carefully picked those who are to make the comments, and then lead the discussions following. It may be necessary for the leader or counselor to steer things a bit. The intervals of singing ought to clinch the thoughts and give a bit of relaxation, even to the extent of actually getting to the feet or changing position.

Cross references and case studies of the Bible passages are to be found in abundance in the New Testament. It may take some digging, but there will be ample reward for those who seek out these passages.

Those dramatically inclined could act out some of the experiences to which reference is made. The more vivid these desirable attitudes become, the more realistic will be their practice by the young people in your group.

Be sure to allow the counselor a few closing minutes to remind the youth that practicing Christianity means much more than preaching it. Knowing the sacrifice of the cross ought to bring the crucifixion of oneself (Galatians 2:20).

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Stewardship

No. 4 in a Series: "Ships of the Church"

Matthew 10:37; 16:24



Senior High (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 22

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole*

Preparing—Publicity

This topic's poster could be a very attractive one, drawn freehand or traced. A composite picture of the stewardship of time, which is the primary emphasis of this topic, could be made by using pictures of various kinds of clocks, other timepieces (ourglass, sundial), and calendars. Using the stewardship theme in general you could use a picture of a clock, some money, and several young people, denoting the three areas of time, tithe, and talent.

Preparing—Resource Materials

The filmstrip entitled *Justus the Ant* (Cathedral Films) presents in a very interesting manner the parable of the vineyard found in Luke 20:9-16. This is an excellent stewardship story.

This topic is ideal for emphasizing the Quiet Hour and the Tenth Legion. Write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, for folders and enrollment cards and use them in your meeting.

Preparing—Program Suggestions

Be prepared to make a survey of the talent available in your society. This may be done in the form of a radio or television interview. Have a number of questions ready for each person such as "What subject do you like best in school?" "What do you do in your spare time?" "Do you play an instrument? Sing? Print or draw well?"

An alternate plan would be to have mimeographed sheets prepared in the form of interest finders, containing much the same line of questioning. Have each person fill out a sheet.

Invite your minister, Sunday school superintendent, or other adult leader of your church to the meeting and ask him to be prepared to give definite suggestions as to what Junior Highs can contribute to the work of your local church. Ask him to have these suggestions written down "in black and white" so they will not be merely vague possibilities.

Following the meeting, a committee should be appointed to evaluate the interviews or interest sheets in the light of the list of suggestions given by the church leader. This committee should decide what aims your society should have regarding the work in your church, set about to schedule times to carry out definite projects, and report to the group next week.

Ask your counselor to stress the importance of observing two of the great aspects of Christian Endeavor—*tithing* (Tenth Le-

gion) and *private devotions* (Quiet Hour). His or her personal testimony regarding the joys resulting from giving back to God a portion of His monetary blessings and of contacting Him every day at a definite time will help your society members to share these blessings too.

Presenting—Object Lessons

1. **TITHING.** Illustrate this basic part of a Christian's life by using ten pennies (some dull, some shiny). Paste nine of them on a cardboard sheet large enough to hold in front of the group. Paste them side by side in a straight line. Paste the tenth one underneath the others, being sure to use a dull one. Print the words *My Portion—God's Portion* across the bottom. Explain first of all that this illustrates the tithing principle—one portion out of every ten belongs to God. Ask if the group can tell what is wrong with this illustration.

Point out that God's portion should not be last (*remove the lone penny from below the nine others*). God's portion should be first (*substitute the shiniest penny and place it above the line with the nine*).

2. **GOD'S OWNERSHIP**—Head a large piece of cardboard **BILL** in large letters. Below it place *To: Humanity*. Underline this, then list on the left-hand side the things God has given us such as life, health, families, riches, churches, salvation in Christ, friends (you can think of others). Ask the group to place a value on these things and tell them you will mark the value on the right-hand side, just as in a regular bill. Naturally there cannot be any value placed on these things; thus you must write in the words *Beyond Price* in the right-hand column. After some discussion on this, tell the group that since "Jesus paid it all," we can write the words *Paid in Full* (preferably with red crayon) across the whole bill. We give back to God, then, the stewardship of our Christian lives lived for Him.

Presenting—Discussion of the Topic

1. Ask the following questions: What are the things God has given us? Are we truly thankful for all His benefits to us? What is the greatest gift He has given us? Salvation is free; we can never pay for it. To show our gratitude, however, there are certain things we can and should do. What are they? (*Discuss the three areas of stewardship—time, talent, and tithe.*)

2. Read I Corinthians 6:19,20 and Romans 12:1,2.

3. Christian stewardship is the practice of being a Christian. Here is a simple definition: Christian stewardship is the wise use of the gifts, including life itself, loaned by God for our use, that those gifts might reflect His love.

4. Word study: The word "stewardship" may be divided as follows: (1) "Steward" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "stigweard"

which is derived from "stigu," a sty or pen, and "weard," a guard or guardian. The original steward, then, was a keeper of the pigsty or a protector of the cattle. The word rose in dignity and came to mean the person in charge of the affairs of the household of another, such as a keeper of an estate, or even the holder of a position of public trust as the Lord High Steward of England. (2) "Ship" at the end of a word means there is a definite relationship between two persons or things. In this case it is between two persons, God and man.

Down through the years the steward was given responsibility according to his faithfulness to his master. It is the same with the Christian steward. If we are faithful over the small things, Jesus will give us greater responsibility, and the real joy of serving Him will grow as we grow in the Christian life.

In the Bible the word "stewardship" is found four times, "steward" thirteen times and "stewards" five times. In the Old Testament the meaning is "the man who is over," and the New Testament meaning is "an overseer, one to whom something has been entrusted."

5. Stewardship of time: Christian Endeavor's second cardinal principle is "Service for Christ." This involves the idea of stewardship, since in Christ's service we use our money, our talents, and our time. Let's talk particularly about time.

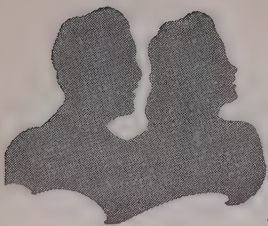
Time is a very valuable thing. We only realize this when it is lost, never to be regained. There is nothing more annoying than someone who is always late. Imagine how we as Christians cheat God out of time we should rightfully be giving in His service! It should never be a question of fitting the things of the Lord into our schedule, but rather a matter of fitting the other parts of our lives around our service for Him.

Follow-Up—A Project for Next Week

Prepare small booklets out of construction paper, one for each member of the group. Make the cover out of bright colored paper and print the words *Time for God* on it. Use plain white paper for the inside and place seven sheets in each book. Head the pages for the days of the week, beginning with Sunday. Under the name of the day place on each sheet *24 hours*. On the left side of each sheet place the following, one under the other: sleeping, eating, school, recreation, family, studying, miscellaneous, and time for God. Have each member keep a record of the time he spends on each item, listing opposite *Time for God* all the time he spends in daily devotions, going to church services or activities, etc.

These should be returned next Sunday, and a discussion held regarding the comparison between the time we spend for ourselves and the time we spend for God.

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"A Mighty Fortress. . ."

Psalms 91; Psalm 46

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Dr. Earle W. Gates*

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What does the Reformation mean to us today?
2. What do we mean when we say we are Protestants?
3. How does one become "a good Protestant"?
4. What is our duty as Protestants today?
5. How can we properly receive and transmit our Christian life to others? Our Protestant heritage?
6. Is just being "against" another religion enough? What is required?
7. How can we prove that God is to us a mighty fortress?

It was said of the Christians of the Reformation, "they are singing themselves into victory." Many great hymns came into being, springing out of the very hearts of a victorious people. Though they were persecuted in body, spiritual victory brought an ecstasy which was expressed in hymn and praise. Out of the depths of tribulation or suffering or despair God's people have found joy and triumph in song. The very Psalms themselves represented such expression. What part should music have in our Christian lives? *Does it?*

The Psalm

The 46th Psalm expresses the message of triumph through trust. It was the foundation for the great hymn of the Reformation. The 91st Psalm, with many others, continues this thought.

Trace the central teaching of these Psalms. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help," "God is in the midst," "the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Then He admonishes us, "Be still and know that I am God." How necessary it is that we stop and think, that we realize He is God and that He is able to deliver us.

The 91st Psalm further reminds us of our abiding place "under the shadow of the Almighty." List the many promises and assurances given therein. Discuss their meaning then and now. Does this Psalm have a personal message for us today?

The message of faith and trust expressed in these songs of Israel is the secret of the perpetual strength of the children of God. The New Testament picks up the assurance and the certainty of faith, enriching it with the Saviour's promise of unfailing presence and strength. "Lo, I am with you always," He whispers down through the corridors of time. Not only is He a mighty fortress; He is also the power to advance, to assault evil, to overcome. What does this suggest to us in a day of entrenched evil, of organized sin? How can Christ be such a fortress for us today? How may we carry the attack into the camp of the enemy? Can you give a testimony to a particular victory over evil?

The Day

Today is set apart as Reformation Sunday, observing the anniversary of the declaration of spiritual freedom by Martin Luther. This marked the formal beginning of the important 16th century movement in Western Christendom that resulted in the formation of the various Protestant churches. Luther, perhaps the greatest but not the only leader of the Reformation, lighted the fires of spiritual revolution. Finally he grasped the divine revelation of justification by faith. Embracing it personally, flung it out to the world. By this step forever broke the shackles of superstition and fear that had enslaved man's mind. He cast off the tyranny of a super-church that failed to consider the divine possibility of man.

By faith alone, he revealed, was the believer "justified" (made just and righteous before God, despite his human frailty). No longer would man need to buy his spiritual freedom or be subject to the whims of the priesthood in offering redemption for sale. Luther declared that every man could be his own priest before God. Personal prayer, personal reading of the Scripture, full access to the sacraments, a glorious liberty in Christ became the heritage of the sons of God. And God Himself was the mighty fortress of defense, the leader in battle, the transport to peace! It is a wonder that the great hymn became the marching song of the redeemed of the day.

The Protestant Church today is charged with proclaiming this message fearlessly and ceaselessly. Often its very name is misunderstood, thus rendering its message ineffective. However, to "protest" is to affirm, to declare, to testify. Hence the Protestant Church is to be the confessing, testifying, witnessing church. It is the Body of Christ, with a message to declare. Let its voice be heard clearly. Too often its voice is weak and stammering, apologetic because of a mistaken idea that it is an "anti" force.

The Challenge

The Church today has a message to "protest," to declare to the world. Christian today, and especially courageous young Christians, have a witness to give daily. We are the recipients of a godly heritage. The presence and power of an omnipotent God are given to support it. The blessing of salvation and peace are already laid up for us by the gift of the cross. The glory of a free Church comes to us at no personal cost.

These we cannot take lightly; neither can we keep them for ourselves alone. Man is not to go to heaven alone, but is challenged to take his brother with him. What are we to do today with the Great Commission? What are we to do with our new life in Christ? If we would know the joy and confidence of the great Reformation hymn, we must relate ourselves to its purpose and its message. What is our part?

Flash to the Leader!

Today is Reformation Day. In the Protestant Church this festival day is of such importance that every effort should be made to dramatize this topic. While we owe it much, few people are acquainted with details of the Reformation. Plan carefully, study the subject, seek your minister's guidance. Prepare special publicity for announcement in newspaper, church paper, and pulpit. Promote full youth attendance in the morning worship service, for your minister will probably speak on this theme.

Make a careful study of the hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, the foundation for this topic. Use it in your meeting. Display pictures of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. Give out leaflets and literature on our Protestant heritage and our duties as Protestants. Make this meeting special!

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Reading of Psalm 91
Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
Reading of Psalm 46
Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Presentation of Topic
Questions for Discussion
Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Benediction

The Hymn

*A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing . . .*

Thus Martin Luther wrote in 1529, summing up the resources of those who elected to break from the corrupt established church, and to "re-form" it along Christ's simple but adequate pattern. As we today find our help in the opening words, so the Christians of the 16th century found all-sufficient strength for the fiery trials of their faith.

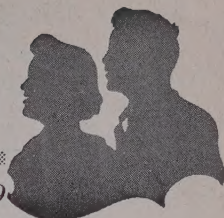
Based upon the 46th Psalm, this mighty hymn sounds the trumpets of God to all who will believe. It points to our "flood of mortal ills," it describes the evil power that tempts and tries men, and it reminds man that striving in his own strength alone, he will inevitably be conquered by Satan. Triumphant, then, it turns our attention to the willingness and ability of Christ to overcome through us. "He must win the battle." By the remembrance that "His Kingdom is forever," we are lifted above earthly fears and physical perils. In Him we find not only a mighty fortress; by His Spirit and His power we are also able to conquer. Read this old hymn again. Study and interpret it together. What is its meaning to us today?

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Worship

No. 5 in a Series: "Ships of the Church"

Deuteronomy 12:5-12; John 4:23,24



OCTOBER 29

Senior High (12-14 Years)

Comments by Miss Kate Vanderberg*

Suggested Program Outline

-Prayer Service

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ms: *O Worship the King; Sweet Hour of Prayer*

pture: Deuteronomy 12:5-12; John 4:23,24

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mn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
pic Discussion

mn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

ediction

stlude

Topic Introduction

Man is a religious being. He is the only one of God's creatures that feels the need to worship some object or the true God. Humans worship gods made by human hands; Christians worship the Sovereign God, the Father of the Universe, the Creator and Sustainer of all things.

In discussing worship we will stress how the various parts of the worship services of our churches give the worshiper needed communion and fellowship with God. Let us realize that in order to receive the blessings of worship, each one must take part in the service. This is important whether one is singing the hymns, listening when the Scripture is read, being in the attitude of prayer when our minister leads in prayer, or listening attentively when the sermon is being preached. We must not only be faithful in attending each service, but we must also participate in all the worship experiences and receive the blessings which accompany real worship.

Topic Discussion

Worship consists of praise, adoration, confession, thankfulness, and petition. As we come to worship God we feel unworthy to stand in His holy presence because of sin; therefore, we come in humility, pleading upon the merits of Christ, our Saviour.

Although this is not a part of the actual church service, in many churches the custom is still used that as each worshiper comes into church and takes his seat, he bows his head in a moment of silent prayer.

The various parts of the worship service are:

1. **PRELUDE.** The prelude precedes the main part of the worship service. During this time, the worshiper should sit quietly listening to the music and preparing himself for the service proper which is to follow.

2. **CALL TO WORSHIP.** This part of the service may be carried out in various

ways. Sometimes the minister calls the congregation to worship by some appropriate Scripture verse, the choir sings a stanza of a fitting hymn, or the congregation bows in silent prayer. This may be followed by a short prayer by the minister and the invoking of God's blessing upon the congregation.

3. **HYMN SINGING.** This is the phase of the service in which the worshiper can join with enthusiasm. Why do we sing? One of the reasons is to praise God. Often we find that the hymn expresses our feelings exactly, only in a much more beautiful way than we could do. So we make the hymn writer's thoughts our own. Congregational singing should be the combined expression of hearts which are the recipients of God's love through Jesus Christ; therefore, our singing should express praise, gratitude, and dedication to God.

4. **PASTORAL PRAYER.** At this time, the minister leads the people to the throne of grace. Although only the minister's voice is audible, he is expressing the needs of the congregation, and the members should be following with an Amen in their hearts. As the minister speaks to God, he is speaking for the congregation. As he praises God, thanks Him for blessings, pleads with Him for pardoning grace, and sends up to God petitions for special needs such as healing for the sick, comfort for the sorrowing, and the saving of souls, the people in the pews should be making his prayer their own. The pastoral prayer is just as much an opportunity for participation for the worshiper as the singing of the hymns; the only difference is that one is audible while the other is silent.

5. **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY.** The offering, of course, involves giving. God's people are stewards of the material blessings which God has given to them. It is at this time that the Christian gives back to God a part of that which God has given him. Stinginess is a poor means of showing gratitude to God for our redemption. Christ and the church will progress in the great program of evangelization at the rate that Christians supply the means to carry on the work. So the offering also is an act of worship. We give because we love the Lord. A grateful Christian will never say, "The church is always asking for money."

While the offertory is being played, the worshiper sits quietly listening to the music. One does not have to be musically inclined in order to enjoy worshipful music. Just listening in a reverent attitude will carry a blessing with it.

6. **PREACHING.** The sermon is usually thought of as the main part of the service. We go to church "to hear a good sermon," we sometimes say. What does the preaching contribute to the worship service? The

sermon is the organized talk the minister preaches to his congregation. The sermon is based upon a passage of Scripture which the minister has studied and interprets according to the whole Word of God. Its purpose is instruction in Bible knowledge, the strengthening of the faith of the saints, and also the conversion of sinners. The sermon, applied to our daily lives, tells us how to live in the light of God's Word. A man was once overheard saying that he needed two stiff sermons on Sunday to keep him going straight the following week. What he really meant was that he needed spiritual food to nourish his soul just as we need physical food to nourish the body. Pray for an attentive heart when God is speaking through the minister.

This is Reformation Sunday. Let us remember the fearless preaching of the early reformers, especially of Martin Luther. Luther preached against the evil practices of the Roman Catholic Church, such as paying a sum of money and receiving forgiveness of sins thereby. Luther preached that we are justified in the sight of God by faith in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Preaching such as that resulted in the Protestant Reformation, which meant breaking away from the Roman Catholic Church. As evangelical Christians, we are products of the Reformation which began in Europe. We are grateful for preachers who teach us that God is our Sovereign; that the Bible is the infallible, inspired Word of God; that we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ; and that Christ is the head of His Church. Our worship is simple, but meaningful.

7. **THE POSTLUDE.** This is the final part of the worship service. After the final hymn has been sung and the benediction pronounced, the organ number closes the service of worship. The congregation leaves the church. Walking out of the church should not be accompanied by a lot of noisy talking. It should be quiet and orderly. We should remember that the church is God's house; therefore, our attitude should be reverence at all times.

Suggestions for the Meeting

1. Since this is Reformation Sunday, you might ask one of the members to read up on the Protestant Reformation and give some of the main points in a short talk. A book on church history will be helpful; your minister will also be able to suggest a book in which the Reformation is discussed.

2. Perhaps you would like to use the idea of the miniature church service in presenting this topic. For instance, you could include a musical number by a miniature choir. One of your members could serve as minister and conduct his parts of the service.

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Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for September and October, 1961. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

- M. Aug. 28 No Sin in Heaven Revelation 22:3-12
T. Aug. 29 Sin Is to Be Hated Psalm 119:113-120
W. Aug. 30 Results of Sin Genesis 3:8-12
T. Aug. 31 Secret Sins Psalm 19
F. Sept. 1 Fools Mock at Sin Proverbs 14:1-9
S. Sept. 2 Confession of Sins Leviticus 16:21-23
Sun. Sept. 3—Topic: Sin—a Little Word Psalm 32
M. Sept. 4 Forgiveness of Sins Psalm 103:1-12
T. Sept. 5 Forgiven When We Confess I John 1:7-10
W. Sept. 6 Forgive Others Matthew 18:21-35
T. Sept. 7 Joseph's Brethren Forgiven Genesis 45:5-15
F. Sept. 8 We Must Forgive Matthew 6:12-15
S. Sept. 9 Pray for Forgiveness Luke 11:1-4
Sun. Sept. 10—Topic: Forgiveness—a Gracious Word Mark 2:1-12
M. Sept. 11 Born of God John 1:9-13
T. Sept. 12 Gift from God John 4:10-15
W. Sept. 13 Make Us Free Romans 8:1-8
T. Sept. 14 Born to a Lively Hope I Peter 1:3-9
F. Sept. 15 Zacchaeus—an Example Luke 19:1-10
S. Sept. 16 A New Spirit Ezekiel 18:25-32
Sun. Sept. 17—Topic: Regeneration—a Must Ezekiel 11:19,20; John 3:1-21
M. Sept. 18 Brevity of Life James 4:13-17
T. Sept. 19 Life Through the Son John 3:36
W. Sept. 20 Death unto Life John 5:24-29
T. Sept. 21 Bread of Heaven John 6:50-58
F. Sept. 22 Rewards of Life Luke 18:28-30
S. Sept. 23 Newness of Life Romans 6:4-13
Sun. Sept. 24—Topic: Eternal Life—a Promise Matthew 19:16-29
M. Sept. 25 Fellowship with God Exodus 33:14-17
T. Sept. 26 Fellowship with Christ John 15:1-8
W. Sept. 27 Fellowship of the Holy Spirit Romans 8:9-16
T. Sept. 28 Fellowship of Christians II Corinthians 6:14-18
F. Sept. 29 Fellowship in the Gospel Philippians 1:3-5
S. Sept. 30 Togetherness Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Sun. Oct. 1—Topic: Fellowship I John 1:3-7
M. Oct. 2 Ruth and Naomi Ruth 1:16-17
T. Oct. 3 Solomon and Hiram I Kings 5:1-10
W. Oct. 4 David and Jonathan I Samuel 19:1-7
T. Oct. 5 Three Friends Job 2:11-13
F. Oct. 6 When Friends Fail Job 19:14-21
S. Oct. 7 Friends of Jesus John 15:14,15
Sun. Oct. 8—Topic: Friendship Proverbs 18:24; I Samuel 18:1
M. Oct. 9 Vision Is Necessary Proverbs 29:18
T. Oct. 10 Guidance Psalm 73:23-28
W. Oct. 11 Need for Leaders Galatians 6:6-10
T. Oct. 12 Cost of Leadership Matthew 10:9-22
F. Oct. 13 Moses—a Leader Exodus 3:7-10
S. Oct. 14 Gideon—a Leader Judges 8:4-12
Sun. Oct. 15—Topic: Leadership II Timothy 2:1-5,15
M. Oct. 16 Faithful Stewards Luke 12:35-40
T. Oct. 17 An Unfaithful Steward Luke 16:1-8
W. Oct. 18 Parable of the Pounds Luke 19:12-27
T. Oct. 19 According to Ability I Peter 4:8-11
F. Oct. 20 We Must Be Faithful Luke 12:13-21
S. Oct. 21 Treasures in Heaven Matthew 6:19-24
Sun. Oct. 22—Topic: Stewardship Matthew 10:37; 16:24

- M. Oct. 23 Music in Worship I Chronicles 15:16-22
T. Oct. 24 Offering in Worship Leviticus 22:17-25
W. Oct. 25 Praise in Worship Psalm 92:1-3
T. Oct. 26 Prayer in Worship Psalm 5:1-12
F. Oct. 27 Preaching in Worship I Corinthians 14:1-12
S. Oct. 28 Thankfulness in Worship Psalm 35:18-28
Sun. Oct. 29—Topic: Worship Deuteronomy 12:5-12; John 4:23,24

Senior High-Young People's Daily Readings

- M. Aug. 28 Everybody Does Romans 12:2
T. Aug. 29 Be Different with Reason I Peter 2:19-25
W. Aug. 30 Years of Accountability Ecclesiastes 11:9,10
T. Aug. 31 Reward or Remorse Matthew 25:20-30
F. Sept. 1 You Are Being Observed Proverbs 20:9-12
S. Sept. 2 Your Secret for Success Psalm 25:1-7
Sun. Sept. 3—Topic: School Daze I Peter 1:13-16
M. Sept. 4 Time Is Short Psalm 90:1-10
T. Sept. 5 Life Simplified and Rich Psalm 27:4,5
W. Sept. 6 Evaluating by Vessels II Timothy 2:20-22
T. Sept. 7 Now Is the Hour Ecclesiastes 9:10
F. Sept. 8 Our God Is Able Exodus 4:1-5
S. Sept. 9 Promised Guidance Psalm 32:8-11
Sun. Sept. 10—Topic: I Have to Decide II Timothy 1:7-9
M. Sept. 11 Head or Heart Lord Matthew 7:21-23
T. Sept. 12 A Command Matthew 22:36-38
W. Sept. 13 In Life or Death Romans 14:7-9
T. Sept. 14 Our Worthy Lord Revelation 4:11
F. Sept. 15 Lord of Lords Philippians 2:5-11
S. Sept. 16 Eternal Values in View I Timothy 6:11-16
Sun. Sept. 17—Topic: Lord of All I Corinthians 6:20
M. Sept. 18 The Criterion of Love I John 4:9-11
T. Sept. 19 Falling in Love Is Tricky Jeremiah 17:9
W. Sept. 20 The True Wife Proverbs 31:10-12
T. Sept. 21 The Tender Husband I Peter 3:7
F. Sept. 22 Divorce Is Sin Matthew 19:7-9
S. Sept. 23 The Strength of Love Song of Solomon 8:6,7
Sun. Sept. 24—Topic: Stewardship of Love Proverbs 14:1; Ephesians 5:25-28
M. Sept. 25 Cleansing Blood I John 1:6,7
T. Sept. 26 Remission of Sin Hebrews 9:20-22
W. Sept. 27 Bread of Life John 6:35-38
T. Sept. 28 The Living Bread John 6:48-53
F. Sept. 29 Christ Died for Us John 19:28-34
S. Sept. 30 The First Lord's Supper Luke 22:15-20
Sun. Oct. 1—Topic: Broken Body, Shed Blood I Corinthians 11:23-30
M. Oct. 2 Things Old and New Matthew 13:47-52
T. Oct. 3 New Wine Matthew 9:14-17
W. Oct. 4 A New Commandment John 13:31-38
T. Oct. 5 A New Name Isaiah 62:1-4
F. Oct. 6 A New Spirit Ezekiel 11:17-21
S. Oct. 7 Value of Reconciliation Matthew 5:21-24
Sun. Oct. 8—Topic: Jesus Teaches New Values Matthew 5:1-16

- M. Oct. 9 Recognizing Authority Matthew 8:1
T. Oct. 10 As One Having Authority Mark 1:22
W. Oct. 11 Authority Over Unclean Spirits Luke 4:33
T. Oct. 12 Demonstration of Authority Matthew 21:23
F. Oct. 13 Disciples Given Authority Luke 9:1
S. Oct. 14 Jesus the Only One John 6:66
Sun. Oct. 15—Topic: Jesus Teaches New Authority Matthew 5:17
M. Oct. 16 Ready to Forgive Luke 17:1
T. Oct. 17 First Things First Matthew 6:30
W. Oct. 18 Judge Yourself First Matthew 7:1
T. Oct. 19 A New Family Matthew 12:46
F. Oct. 20 New Attitudes toward Worship John 4:20
S. Oct. 21 Attitudes toward Illness John 5:10
Sun. Oct. 22—Topic: Jesus Teaches New Attitudes Matthew 6:1
M. Oct. 23 The Lord Is My Rock Psalm 18:1
T. Oct. 24 The Lord Is My Help Psalm 124:1
W. Oct. 25 The Lord Is My Deliverer II Samuel 22:1
T. Oct. 26 The Lord Is My Strength Jeremiah 16:17
F. Oct. 27 The Lord Is My God Joel 3:15
S. Oct. 28 Call Him Lord John 13:14
Sun. Oct. 29—Topic: "A Mighty Fortress" Psalm 91; Psalm 124

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Topics for SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 3 Vacation Experiences Psalm 8:3
Sept. 10 My Covenant with Him Proverbs 3:1-5
Sept. 17 Keeping My Promise Hebrews 10:23-25
Sept. 24 I Will Try Colossians 3:22-25

Topics for OCTOBER

- Oct. 1 These Six Things Proverbs 6:16-19
Oct. 8 Jesus in Nazareth Luke 2:39,40
Oct. 15 Jesus in Bethany Luke 10:38-41
Oct. 22 Jesus in Jerusalem Luke 2:41-45
Oct. 29 The Two-Way Street Psalm 119:101

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adults and four youth will represent Christian Endeavor International at the 11th American Ecumenical Youth Assembly, August 16-23 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. More than 2,000 young people are expected to participate in the sessions on the campus of the University of Michigan. They will meet together to discuss what it means to be "Entrusted with the Message of Reconciliation" (II Corinthians 5 and 6) in "this time and at this moment in history." The assembly is being held for the purpose of fellowship and encounter; no legislative sessions of any kind are planned. Fifteen national denominational youth groups will meet simultaneously during the assembly. A number of overseas youth will also participate.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Lowell Johnston of Jamaica, New York, the dean of music at Otilie Home for Children. Mr. Johnston served as organist for the International Convention in Portland, Oregon, in 1957.



Photo by Joseph Dixon

On his trip around the world this spring Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of both the International Society and the World's Union, met with Christian Endeavor leaders in Hawaii. Here he is shown in Honolulu with William Donlin (left) and Walter Nomura (right), president of the Hawaiian Union.

Enda Carr and Dennis Goodman (seated) were crowned king and queen of Missouri's Northwest-Capitol District Union at an all-day convention at the Christian Church in Farber. Both are members of the Providence society. Standing (left to right) are Eugene Goodpaster and Ruth Shannon, attendants; Claudean Eddington and Gene Fink, Missouri president and co-president, who crowned the king and queen; and Linda Wilkinson and Ronnie Boecker, also attendants. Theme for the convention was "Into All the World Together."



Two hundred and fifteen Juniors with their leaders attended the Ontario Junior Convention in Hamilton early in June. Agnes Wallace, Ontario Junior Superintendent, reports the host church, St. Enoch's Presbyterian, won the Bible Quiz and New Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, won the award for the best badges on the theme, "Jesus Loves All the Nations."

In a letter from Rev. R. A. W. Woodgate, chaplain to Queen Salote of Tonga, to Rev. F. Rupert Gibson, president of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland, the following paragraphs appear. Queen Salote of Tonga is president of Christian Endeavor in Tonga, which is located in the South Pacific and is sometimes called the Friendly Islands.

"There are Christian Endeavor societies in every village and island in Tonga. The Queen herself was the one who suggested that this movement be started in Tonga as she had seen its value for young people during her visits to Australia and New Zealand. The most popular form of meeting is known as the Po Tokoni when seven speakers give short addresses on the daily readings for the week. We are also endeavoring to initiate other types of meeting to cater for the four-square program of the Gospel. In some villages we have started Junior societies in addition to the Young People's groups.

"The annual rallies of our 'Akolotu' or Christian Endeavor societies are held on Wesley Day, 24th May, each year. During the afternoon we have the Junior Rally and the Wesley Day Sermon and in the evening there is a Roll Call of Societies and a special speaker. The Juniors bring gifts for the patients in hospital and the Young People's societies bring their offerings for overseas missions.

"The monthly consecration meeting is held the last Sunday evening of each month when the pledge is recited and an evangelistic address given with an appeal for new members.

"We have a Tongan minister who is our youth director and he visits the Christian Endeavor societies and endeavors to help the work. We have our own Topic Book for the Young People's societies and this has been prepared in the Tongan language by the youth director.

"Christian Endeavor is an essential part of our youth program in Tonga and it helps our young people in their struggle against the new temptations which are coming to Tonga in these days.

"The Queen is a member of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga and this is a Methodist Church in association with the Methodist Church of Australasia."



Harold E. Westerhoff presented Vigilant Patriot Awards from the All-American Conference to Combat Communism to Chuck Breece (left), WFBM Radio program manager and Jameson C. Campaigne (right), editor of THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR, on June 7 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Westerhoff is a member of the Executive Council of the All-American Conference.

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Edna A. Pyle of Vincennes, Indiana, is a new writer of Christian Endeavor topics, whose first comments appear in this issue. A member of First Christian Church, she is a Junior High schoolteacher and librarian and has served as sponsor of a local Christian Endeavor society. She teaches a seventh grade Sunday school class.



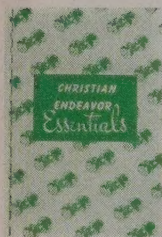
On May 28 Eleanor J. Jones, cashier and accountant of the International Society, became the bride of John C. Tope. The wedding took place in the Helen Lyon Jones Room of Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. The newly-weds are pictured standing in front of Francis E. Clark's desk.



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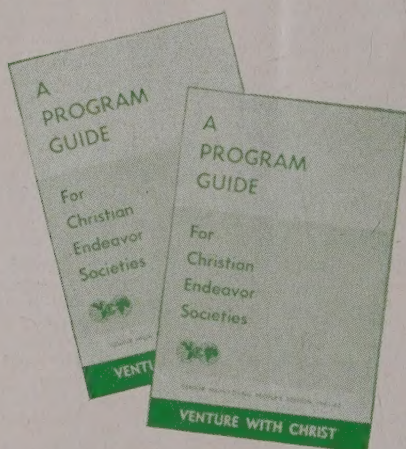


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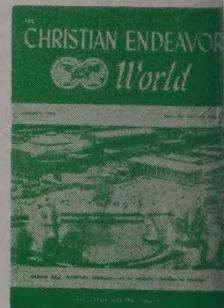


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